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CNMI cases breach 100



LIGHTING PROJECT

How many people does it take to replace a light bulb? In this case, the answer would be "four." The Office of Grants Management under administrator Epi Cabrera began the project to repair the lamp posts that stretch from Garapan Street to the Gov. Froilan Tenorio Beach Pathway. Photo shows workers replacing the lightbulb of a lamppost near the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. One of the workers said they've completed fixing the lights in Garapan and are now working on the lights along the Beach Road Pathway. They hope to finish before Thanksgiving this year.

NEIL FAMA

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The CNMI marked a bleak milestone yesterday when the islands registered its 100th case of COVID-19 when two incoming passengers tested positive for the coronavirus.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. said the two were identified through travel screening and were confirmed diagnosis through testing (the Kanoa Resort Alternation arrival. As per protocol, the individuals have been safely in quarantine and were moved to the designated isolation area for close monitoring.

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AT A GLANCE

As of 6pm, Nov. 9, 2020

| GUAM | OLD | NEW | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|
| Positive | 5,113 | 120 | 5,233 |
| Recovered | 3,402 | 0 | 3,402 |
| Active | 1,604 | 120 | 1,724 |
| Deaths | 89 | 1 | 90 |
| Cumulative Number of Persons Tested | 71,311 | | |

| SAIPAN | OLD | NEW | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-----|-------|
| Positive | 98 | 2 | 100 |
| Deaths | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Cumulative Number of Persons Tested | 22,633* | | |

*Total count includes the number of persons tested on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. With guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CHCC has opted not to report active and recovered cases. The community-based testing has been temporarily suspended.

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Health Care Corp.

Grants: Key to NMI's goal of diversifying its economy



FIESTA RESORT & SPA SAIPAN PHOTO

Tourists enjoy the sunset view in one of the beaches on Saipan before the COVID-19 pandemic struck the world. As the CNMI tourism industry continues to take a hit from the pandemic, federal grants are seen as great assistance to crisis recovery and flow of new investments to the islands.

The Governor's Council of Economic Advisers sees the disaster and relief grants for the CNMI as key in achieving the islands' goal of having a stronger and more diversified economy.

"The recovery funding

we have worked hard to secure is a prime opportunity for us to diversify our economy with new industries and businesses beyond our tourism. Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and I are committed to this effort."

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Ada drops suit vs Torres, Atalig

» Dr. Ada drops case at instruction of PSS board

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REPORTER

Acting on the instruction of the Board of Education,

Education Commissioner Dr. Alfred Ada voluntarily dropped yesterday the lawsuit that he and the Public School System filed against Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig that had sought to secure more funds for PSS.

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Tina Sablan replaces Propst as House minority leader

COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

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Members of the House of Representatives minority bloc have unanimously elected Rep. Christina Sablan (D-Saipan) to be the minority leader, a position that was left vacant when Edwin K. Propst resigned last Oct. 1.



Sablan

Reps. Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), Sheila Babauta (D-Saipan), Donald Manglona (Ind-Rota), and Richard Lizama (D-Saipan) chose Sablan to serve as minority leader for the remaining term of the 21st House. The 22nd Legislature will be sworn-in in January 2021.

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Alex Trebek, who presided over the beloved quiz show "Jeopardy!" has died. He was 80.

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Local

Nanbo Insurance mourns the passing of Vic Waki

HĀGATŊA—Former Nanbo Insurance general manager Absalon “Vic” Waki passed away last Nov. 5, 2020, at the age of 84.

He was born on Saipan and was a graduate of Eiko High School in Yokosuka, Japan. Waki had worked for Atkins Kroll (Guam) Ltd. and Micro Corp. (Saipan) from 1957 to 1981.

In January 1982, he joined NANBO as assistant general

manager and was later promoted to various positions within the company such as chief underwriter, senior manager for underwriting, senior manager for marketing and general manager.

In May 2017, Waki joined affiliate Guahan Insurance Services as general manager. After 37 years of service to NANBO and GIS, Waki retired on Dec. 31, 2018.

The passing of Waki, a val-

ued friend and colleague of the entire NANBO and GIS familia, represents a personal loss to all who knew him and cherished both his friendship and professionalism.

Waki leaves behind his wife, six children, and several grandchildren.

NANBO chair P. Sonny Ada said, “Vic Waki was a trusted and dedicated insurance professional. No words can express our gratitude for

the opportunity to work with him. On behalf of the Nanbo Guam, Ltd. board of directors and family, we extend our condolences and appreciation to Vic’s wife and family.”

Nanbo Insurance Underwriters has been serving Guam for more than 50 years. Nanbo Guam Ltd. was established in 1968 jointly by the Pete Ada and Eddie Terlaje families of Guam, J.C. Tenorio Enterprises of Saipan, and Nanyo

Boeki Kaisha of Japan. Nanbo was established in 1969 and currently serves as general agent for Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance Limited and Pacific Guardian Life Insurance Company.

Nanbo was named Guam Business Hall of Fame – 2018 Business Laureate by the Guam Chamber of Commerce. **(PR)**

Theft at Smiling Cove Marina

On Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020, at about 3:16pm, the CNMI Department of Public Safety received a 911 call reporting a theft incident at the Smiling Cove Marina in Garapan. Police dispatched to the scene met with the caller who told police that their cooler had been taken from their vessel while parked within the inner cove of the marina. Specifically, the item reported missing was a white, 250-quart, Yeti brand cooler.

DPS would like to remind the public to be diligent when purchasing, receiving, or

storing stolen items, or purchasing fishing and camping equipment from unknown individuals or online. If you or someone you know has been approached recently by any individual offering to sell or gift you a Yeti cooler matching the description, we encourage you to call 911 immediately, or if you wish to remain anonymous you may call the CNMI Crime Stoppers Hotline at 234-7272. Crime Stoppers pays up to \$1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. **(PR)**

Latte Built signs on as Toys for Tots sponsor

Latte Built Gym will be participating in this year’s Toys for Tots program.

“We are happy to be a part of this amazing program that gives back to our community,” said Derek Cutting, owner of Latte Built.

Collection boxes will be placed at both Latte Built locations in San Jose and Kagman. Donations can be dropped off at either location.

The “Toys for Tots” program is a charitable initiative hosted by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve that provides toys to disadvantaged children during the holiday season. This year, officers from the Associated Students of Northern Marianas College and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce’s Saipan Young Professionals will be coor-

ordinating the program here in the CNMI.

“ASNMC, Saipan Young Professionals, and Saipan Chamber of Commerce are grateful for Latte Built’s partnership,” ASNMC president Maia Pangelinan said. “We hope to partner with more organizations in the CNMI community.”

This year’s partners include Bank of Guam, Calvo’s Insurance, Lollipops, Pacifica Insurance, Bank of Saipan, Assurance Brokers, McDonald’s, and Triple J and its affiliates. ASNMC will be providing the donation boxes to all Toys for Tots partners. Those who are interested in becoming a partner can email saipan-toys4tots@gmail.com for more information. **(PR)**



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FSM college launches traditional navigation



Okeanos-built *vaka motus*, or “boat for the islands,” were designed specifically to serve vulnerable island communities. It is operated by wind and solar power, allowing islanders to transport up to three tons of cargo and 12 passengers without relying on expensive fossil fuel.

CHEWY LIN

The tight travel restrictions that isolated Micronesia from international travelers over the preceding months has not stopped 12 Micronesian men and women from learning to voyage like their ancestors.

In the summer of 2020, the College of Micronesia-FSM launched its yearlong traditional navigation program in collaboration with philanthropic non-profit Okeanos Foundation for the Sea. The practical program is running over the

The 12 participating students, composed of men and women from Yap and Pohnpei, will be assessed in identifying the navigational stars, sea creatures, birds or flocks of birds, groups of fish, and insects. Like their seafaring ancestors, the students will have to demonstrate proficiency and knowledge in determining the general directions of ocean waves, which in turn determine navigational directions and the bearings of other islands, while



Haley-alur

also naming the ancient sea lanes between Palau to the Marshalls to the Marianas. In lieu of the COVID-19 travel ban that has prevented captain Peia Patai from traveling from the Cook Islands to teach the second half of the program, acting College of Micronesia-FSM dean Tioti Bauro Teburea voluntarily assists with the course offering in the area of seamanship (basic chart-work) and COLREGS “International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.” The College of Micronesia campus also provides safe transportation and dinner to all students. Aside from teaching, Haley-alur continues to collaborate with Okeanos Foundation to support traditional sailing and sustainable sea transportation in Yap and beyond Micronesian borders. In 2019, Haley-alur sailed the sustainable and traditionally inspired canoe Okeanos

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Ambassador from Saipan to Yap, where it works in tangent with its sister canoe, Okeanos Waaqabm to service Yap’s outer islands. (PR)

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IPI investor deposits over \$5.5M as security fund

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The U.S. District Court for the NMI has denied Pacific Rim Land Development LLC's request to auction off Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's assets after an IPI investor deposited over \$5 million as a security fund.

District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona denied Pacific Rim's request to sell IPI's gaming equipment, vehicles, and heavy equipment after an investor deposited a security fund of \$5,599,975 in an investment portfolio.

A stipulation from Pacific Rim and IPI indicated that the IPI investor deposited security in an investment portfolio consisting of short-term U.S. government bonds with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc., First Hawaiian Bank Bldg., 400 Route 8, Suite 403, Guam.



Manglona

In Manglona's order establishing security pending appeal, she said Pacific International Property Management LLC or PIPM had resolved to place \$5,525,363.98 within the absolute discretion of the court for the purpose of securing a stay and paying on the judgment in the event that Pacific Rim prevails in the appeal.

The court noted that PIPM increased the amount to be deposited to \$5,599,975 to cover post-judgment fees, costs, and interest.

According to the stipulation, PIPM is not owned by IPI and PIPM does not own IPI. PIPM is a separate and independent business entity. PIPM agreed to pledge its own funds in the amount of \$5,599,975.00 as security under FRCP Rule 62 as an alternative to a bond.

"The fund shall be available in full to satisfy the judgment, including fees, costs, interest, and damages for delay that may be awarded, if the ap-

peal should be dismissed or the judgment affirmed," Manglona said.

In addition, Manglona said the fund shall be available in full to satisfy any modification of the judgment ordered by the District Court, appellate court, or, if the judgment should be affirmed only in part, to satisfy that part of the judgment affirmed, including fees, costs, interest and damages for delay that may be awarded.

The judge added that the fund will also be available in full for return to PIPM only if IPI prevails on the appeal.

Once the appeal is concluded, the parties shall return to the District Court for an order directing how the fund will be released or transferred.

The federal court will determine the prevailing party on the appeal.

"In the event that the court determines that Pacific Rim prevailed on appeal, the court shall direct the fund to be released to Pacific Rim," Manglona said.

In the event that the court determines that IPI prevailed on the ap-

peal, the court shall order the fund to be released to PIPM.

In the event it is not clear who the prevailing party is on the appeal, the court shall enter orders that will achieve justice, Manglona said.

Manglona also directed Pacific

Rim to take no action to execute or enforce judgment. This includes, without limitation, the filing of a writ of execution to remove funds from any bank accounts of IPI and the forced sale of assets of IPI through an auction.

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itive Care Site). CHCC said it has already initiated contact tracing for the most immediate contacts of the new cases, including passengers on the same flight.

Of the 100 confirmed cases in the CNMI, 74 are incoming passengers (36 from the U.S. mainland, 27 from a U.S. territory, and 11 from foreign countries). Twenty-six cases were also from community transmission—10 from contact tracing and 16 from community testing conducted by CHCC, including two deaths. The CNMI hasn't had any community transmission since its 51st case in early August.

Guam records 90th COVID-19-related death

In the CNMI's neighboring island of Guam where a serious outbreak of COVID-19 has taken hold, a 73-year-old male with underlying health conditions that were further compounded by COVID-19 succumbed last Sunday, making him the U.S. territory's 90th COVID-19-related death.

Guam's Joint Information Center reported that the 73-year-old male died at the Guam Memorial Hospital

at approximately 12:47am last Sunday. He was admitted to GMH on the same day and was a known positive case.

"The loss of a loved one always comes too soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn," said Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero. "The tragedy of COVID-19 is in its isolation—how it keeps families apart when their comfort is needed the most. However, that does not have to be our reality. If we come together and remain committed, we can end this pandemic."

Aside from reporting on Guam's 90th COVID-19-related death, Guam JIC also said they have 120 new cases of the COVID-19. JIC said a total of 489 were tested last Sunday and 120 of those tested positive for COVID-19 with the remaining 369 testing negative.

To date, there have been a total of 5,233 officially reported cases of COVID-19 in Guam, with 90 deaths, 1,742 cases in active isolation, and 3,402 recoveries, according to the Guam JIC. It added that 73 COVID-19 patients are admitted (66 at the Guam Memorial Hospital, two at Guam Regional Medical City, and five at U.S. Naval Hospital). COVID-19 patients in ICU are 19 and 10 are on ventilators.

GRANTS

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ting our administration to streamlining the permitting process for new investments to come in and to fast-track recovery-related construction projects to stimulate our local businesses. We look forward to this collaborative work with our council and our community partners," said Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who co-chairs the GCEA with Jerry Tan.

Matt Deleon Guerrero, who chairs the GCEA's Fiscal Economic Diversification Committee, said that with the tourism industry—the backbone of the Commonwealth's economy—experiencing its worst period of contraction due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the increase in federal funds that the CNMI is and will be receiving is incredibly influential in continuing to provide the circulation of resources necessary to keep incomes flowing and the economy moving.

These relief funds include Nutrition Assistance Program benefits and Small Business Administration resources that increased consumer expenditures and business operations. The CNMI has been awarded \$23,566,886 in NAP grants (for Super Typhoon Yutu) by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and \$1,865,563 for Food and Nutrition Services (COVID-19 related aid) courtesy of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, while the CNMI SBA will receive \$88,000, also from the CARES Act.

There are also grants for construction and redevelopment of facilities, which Deleon Guerrero said will provide benefits beyond the construction industry, stimulating activity throughout businesses as incomes from direct compensation and indirect purchases flows into stores, consumer services, and housing.

"Overall, in the pursuit of a diversified set of industries outside

of tourism, certain prerequisites need to be supported that permit expansion of alternative industries. Things like increased resources for health care and childcare have been supported through these funds, but more broadly the continuity of demand for restaurants and amenities also play a role in making the CNMI an enticing location for investment," he said.

Nearly \$4 million grants are being provided by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services through the CARES Act, with \$3,253,447 going to the CNMI's child care program. As for health care, there's the \$4,042,585 grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

"The direct support of the CNMI's community resources and the indirect benefits that stimulate demand garnered for the islands are critical in weathering this crisis and supporting a framework for a stronger and more diversified economy going forward," Deleon Guerrero said. (PR)

TINA

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The minority bloc yesterday informed House Speaker Blas Jonathan T. Attao (R-Saipan) about Sablan's election.

The minority lawmakers made the decision during a breakfast meeting outside of the Legislature last Thursday.

Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that aside from discussing the minority leadership positions, they also talked about how to address the pending vacancy in Precinct 1, which Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has yet to fill as required by law and the constitution.

"We needed to discuss pending work to be completed in this term, including our report on the governor's expenditures, and begin planning for the next term," Sablan said.

Sablan was the top vote-getter in

the race for House Precinct 2 based on the Commonwealth Election Commission's unofficial tabulation results.

Last Thursday, Sablan and the four other minority bloc members urged Torres to follow the law by appointing former Department of Public Safety official Franklin R. Babauta immediately to replace Propst as a representative for Precinct 1.

The lawmakers said in a letter to Torres that under the law, he should have filled the resulting House vacancy on or before last Oct. 31.

The lawmakers said the governor is required to appoint Babauta, who was the unsuccessful candidate for the office in the 2018 election who received the highest number of votes.

The lawmakers said the people of Precinct 1 have been underrepresented in the House since the resignation of Propst.

Attao recently notified the governor about his declaration of a vacan-

cy at Precinct 1 with the resignation of Propst.

Press secretary Kevin Bautista earlier stated that in line with Article II, Section 9 of the CNMI Constitution and with respect for the separation of powers between two equal branches of government, Torres waited for a vacancy to be officially declared by Attao before acting on the appointment.

"Moreover, in line with 1 CMC Section 6502 and historical precedent with other legislative vacancies, the governor has 30 days from the date of the declared vacancy to appoint the unsuccessful candidate for the office," Bautista said.

Propst's term was supposed to end on Jan. 11, 2021.

Even without campaigning, Propst received the highest number of votes among 14 candidates for Precinct 1 in last week's election based on the Commonwealth Election Commission's unofficial tabulation results.

ADA

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted Ada's motion to dismiss the case without prejudice. That means PSS and Ada may re-file the case in the future.

Ada and PSS, through counsel Tiberius Mocanu, informed the court that both Torres and Atalig had agreed to the dismissal but the Settlement Fund had objected to it, believing that the case should be dismissed with prejudice. That would have meant that Ada and PSS could no longer re-file the case.

Mocanu said the Settlement Fund's lawyer emailed the parties in the case yesterday, stating that it supports a dismissal but requests that the claims against the Fund in this lawsuit be dismissed with prejudice to avoid incurring additional expenses of defending the same claims, should PSS re-file these claims in the future. The claims against the Fund include relating to the Fund's appropriations for fiscal year 2020 and prior fiscal years.

Last Thursday, Mocanu informed the parties in an email that the Board of Education voted last week to direct Ada to drop the lawsuit, which sought to secure for PSS an annual budget of not less than 25% of the Commonwealth's general revenue.

Mocanu said that Ada then instructed him to move to dismiss

the case.

Camacho noted that the lawyer for the Settlement Fund did not sign the motion for voluntary dismissal and that only the lawyers for PSS and the Office of the Attorney General did so. Since the Settlement Fund objects to the dismissal without prejudice, the Fund shall therefore file a written opposition on or before Nov. 22, 2020, Camacho said.

Camacho said the parties should provide legal authority for their position and, if necessary, be prepared to call witness(es) to support any factual allegations.

The hearing for PSS' motion for voluntary dismissal without prejudice will happen on Dec. 15, 2020, at 1:30pm.

According to the PSS lawsuit, it claimed that Public Law 21-08, which established the Commonwealth government's budget for fiscal year 2020, appropriated \$37,718,904 to PSS, which is approximately 16% of the budget. PSS says the CNMI Constitution guarantees PSS a budget of 25%, so Torres is violating the NMI Constitution in carrying out payments and collections under P.L. 21-08.

PSS and Ada also alleged that Atalig is in violation of the NMI Constitution because every allotment and disbursement made pursuant to P.L. 21-08 is unconstitutional.

The court allowed Settlement Fund to intervene in the lawsuit.

Stellar Marianas announces new officers

In time for the for the upcoming Miss Marianas Pageant slated for March 2021, the non-profit organization that organizes the pageant, Stellar Marianas, announced yesterday its new set of officers for this pageant year.

The group's new president is Michelle Lin Sablan, while Shirley T. Sablan is vice president, Lee Tenorio is treasurer, Jaki Fujihira is national director and community events coordinator, and Victoria Bellas is secretary.

Michelle Lin Sablan, who owns Pena House Boutique, which is a longtime major sponsor of Stellar Marianas, will also be the Stage, Program & Décor director. Shirley T. Sablan, who is president of Pacifica Insurance and the 2014 Businesswoman of the Year, will also be the Judges & Hospitality director. Tenorio, who is the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s public information officer, will also take on the role of Public Relations & Sponsorship director. Fujihira, who is also a longtime volunteer and is a print account executive at *Marianas Variety* and is a small business owner, will be handling two roles at Stellar Marianas. Bellas is a senator of the Associated Students of Northern Marianas College, the college's student council.

Joining the Stellar Marianas team are Jojo Alepuyo, Video and Photographer director; Bonny Cruz, Health and Fitness director; Tiana Reyes, Runway director; Michelle Atalig, Poise & Etiquette director; Grace Velen, Beauty director; Monique Sablan,

Speech and Communications director; Kevin Razon, Choreography director; and Pete Sablan, Security & Logistics director.

Michelle Lin Sablan, who has continually volunteered for Stellar Marianas, said she and looks forward to providing a strong and active platform for the CNMI's young women.

As a business owner, she also would like to focus on promoting local businesses, products, and services as well as all that is unique about the Marianas.

"As a nonprofit organization, we work hand in hand with many of our business and government partners to not only help promote their products and services, as well as promote the Marianas, but to also provide a positive opportunity for our women and our local talents," she said.

Shirley T. Sablan is brimming with ideas on how to strengthen the organization's network and resources so that it remains a vibrant community outlet. "We have a great network of generous sponsors and an amazing team of volunteers who are excited to help provide this lifetime opportunity and experience for our young women," she said.

Tenorio said he is excited to work with this year's new candidates who not only exude beauty and grace, but also who excel in leadership, are committed to women empowerment, and who are dedicated to being an uplifting role model for the people of the CNMI.

Applications for the 2021 Miss Marianas Pageant are still available at Pena House Boutique and Pacifica Insur-

ance with the deadline to turn in by Nov. 14, 2020.

If you are interested in volunteering, send an email to stellarqueens@gmail.com or send an IG message @miss-northernmarianas. (PR)

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IT&E

Woman allegedly threatens another with a machete over \$50

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The Superior Court has imposed a \$10,000 cash bail on a woman who allegedly threatened another woman with a machete in a dispute over a missing \$50.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a \$10,000 cash bail on Queena Fitial for allegedly threatening another woman with a machete and also taking the woman's cellphone.

Fitial was arrested on Oct.

30, and was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, burglary, assault, and disturbing the peace.

Following her bail hearing last week, Fitial was remanded back to the custody of the Department of Corrections. Fitial is set to return to court on Nov. 12 at 9am for a preliminary hearing; she will be arraigned on Nov. 17.

The court appointed the

Public Defender's Office to represent Fitial, while assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government.

According to court documents, Fitial was arrested last week for threatening her female neighbor with a machete. Fitial allegedly accused the woman of stealing her \$50 after drinking beer with her the night before. Fitial, who was alleg-



Camacho

Group hopes US will reject China aggression in WPS

The National Youth Movement for West Philippine Sea celebrates with the American nation and congratulates President-elect Joseph Biden Jr. and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris for the overwhelming mandate to lead the country in the next four years.

NYMWPS recognizes the herculean tasks that the incoming leadership needs to address amidst the current challenges but the group is hoping that they will include the U.S. policy in Asia among its priorities. Specifically, the global organization is hopeful that the United States under the Biden-Harris leadership "will finally understand and genuinely care about the interests of its friends

and allies in Southeast Asia and protect them" against the continuing aggression and militarization of China in the West Philippine Sea.

"With Mr. Biden's administration, we are pinning our hopes that the United States government will support the Philippines in opposing China's unlawful and baseless claim in the West Philippine Sea," said Saipan-based Dr. Celia Lamkin, NYMWPS global chair and founder. "In the past four years, we were quite frustrated that the U.S. government appeared to have shied away from the West Philippine Sea tension, but we have found renewed hope in State Secretary Mike Pompeo's July

13, 2020, pronouncement that the world will not allow Beijing to treat South China Sea as its maritime empire."

While this pronouncement was made by an official of the outgoing administration, the group trusts that Biden's incoming administration will adopt the same stance to safeguard the United States' pivot to Asia and promote enriched diplomatic relations and cooperation with its Asian allies.

NYMWPS hopes that the Biden administration will support the Philippines in crusading for and upholding the UN Tribunal ruling while working for an effective resolution of the longstanding territorial dispute in the region. **(PR)**

edly armed with a machete, demanded that her neighbor return the money.

Fitial also allegedly forcefully entered the apartment of the victim and managed

to grab the victim's cell phone while she was calling the police.

AS CNMI SUFFERS BACK-TO-BACK DISASTERS, PANDEMIC

Santos to DPL: Review if homesteaders are covered by waivers

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Before it revokes any homesteads, the Department of Public Lands should first thoroughly review if the affected homesteader is covered by certain laws that waive some homestead requirements, said Sen. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota), who cited the back-to-back typhoon disasters suffered by the CNMI, followed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a letter to DPL Secretary Marianne Concepcion-Teregeyo, Santos said this review could potentially include conducting additional lot inspections and retrieving homesteaders' records of expenditures related to their homestead, as enacted in Public Law 17-37 prior to its amendment by Public Law 20-05.

"If found in compliance with all relevant laws, we hope that our homesteaders receive their [quitclaim] deeds from DPL at the earliest possible chance," she said.

The senator made the request after her office recently received a number of calls from some residents pertaining to the implementation of Public Laws 17-04 and 17-37, as amended by P.L. 20-05, amending the waiver of homestead requirements.

Santos said the law states that DPL "shall waive by requirement or policy requir-

ing village homesteader(s) to rebuild a second residential dwelling house upon showing by any homesteader(s) that his/her completed residential dwelling structure was destroyed or severely damaged by typhoon, tsunami or other natural or man-made disasters."

She said the law also states that DPL "shall waive the requirement or policy of completing a single family residential dwelling structure upon showing reasonable justification that the homesteader continues to maintain the assigned lot in conformance with the DPL requirements, or upon the homesteaders providing to the department that the building permit required under 2CMC Section 7131 is denied because the homestead area lacks water, power, or sewage system infrastructure."

Santos told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that homestead permittees are raising concerns why their quitclaim deeds have yet to be released, even after they have already met the homestead requirements pursuant to certain public laws, particularly on Rota.

She noted that the CNMI has suffered unprecedented back-to-back natural disasters, followed by a pandemic that has affected everyone globally. Santos said the CNMI's economy is still struggling to recover from previous disasters as it continues to rapidly

decline from the pandemic.

"Our landscape has dramatically changed and our new way of life will be an adjustment for all," she said.

The senator said the Legislature introduced legislation to amend the "Deeds of Conveyance" and "The Waiver of Homestead Requirements" because they empathized and understood the hardship that people were dealing with.

"Today, more than ever, we need to ensure that these laws are adhered to and uniformly applied to all homesteaders in the CNMI," Santos said.

Montessori@Home launches in-home learning pods

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M@H was created during the COVID-19 pandemic in an effort to provide individualized Montessori instruction designed to maintain continuity in children's learning.

M@H's mission is to create joyous and curious lifelong learners who will become productive, innovative and empathic global citizens.

For more information about M@H, email mahlearningpods@gmail.com and visit its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MontessoriatHomeLearningPods/>. **(PR)**



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-21-003

A&E DESIGN SERVICES FOR WEST SAN JOSE HOMESTEAD (TINIAN) WATERLINE PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for A&E Design Services for West San Jose Homestead (Tinian) Waterline Project.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies of the Proposal & One (1) original and five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal must be submitted in separate sealed envelopes marked "CUC-RFP-21-003, A&E Design Services for West San Jose Homestead (Tinian) Waterline Project", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than November 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers who submit proposal determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from the proposal submitted by competing proposers.

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Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 9, 2020** to **Manny B. Sablan**, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, CUC Acting Water/Wastewater Chief Engineer via email address larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, Administrative Technician Senior, via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said RFP, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS**Caregivers invited to learn how to manage stress**

Caregivers throughout Micronesia are invited to a free one-hour Zoom session to learn how to take care of themselves through the challenges of caring for others.

The Guam/Micronesia Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program through the University of Guam's School of Health will be hosting two live "Managing Caregiver Stress" sessions:

■ 6pm – 7pm on Thursday, Nov. 12

■ 10am – 11am on Saturday, Nov. 14

The session will address the role of caregivers, different types of caregiver stress, how to manage stress, and tips on taking care of oneself as a caregiver. Participants will also have an opportunity to engage in a Q&A session after the presentation with Margaret Hattori-Uchima, dean of the School of Health, co-project director of GWEP, and a registered nurse with a doctorate in nursing. To register for the Nov. 12 session, visit <http://bit.ly/CS111220>. To register for the Nov. 14 session, visit <http://bit.ly/CS111420>. For more information, call (671) 735-2652 or email uog.gwep@tri-ton.uog.edu. (PR)

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CHamoru commission meeting set

The Kumisión i Fino' CHamoru yan i Fina'ná'guen i Historia yan i Lina'la' i Taotao Tāno' (Commission on CHamoru Language and the Teaching of the History and Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam) will hold its November monthly meeting which has been Rescheduled for Nov. 12, 2020, Thursday from 12:30pm to 3:30pm on a virtual Zoom meeting. Contact Kumisión secretary Roland Blas for special accommodations, Zoom link information and agenda at 480-4047 (rolandblas1973@gmail.com). (PR)

Guam warns public vs box jellyfish

MANGILAO, Guam—The Department of Agriculture's Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources Fisheries would like to remind people to be on the lookout for box jellyfish (*Physalia physalis*). Box jellyfish can be found on the beach or in the water, especially on reef flats. Box jellyfish are anticipated from Nov. 9 to 11, 2020. Both box jellyfish and Indo-Pacific man-o-wars can sting even if washed on the beach and dead. If box jellyfish or Indo-

Pacific man-o-wars are seen, notify DAWR Fisheries at (671) 735-0289/82/91/94 or email fisheries@doag.guam.gov. (PR)

Navy trainings set

ASAN, Guam (Nov. 6, 2020) – The U.S. Navy will conduct training in Outer Apra Harbor on the following dates and times:

■ Nov. 9 from 9am to 6pm
■ Nov. 12 from 9am to 11:30pm

The public should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity due to the training.

The U.S. Navy will conduct training in Radio Barigada on Nov. 9-12 from 9am to 11:55pm. Blank ammunition is authorized for this training. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity.

The U.S. Navy will conduct training in Agat Bay and Outer Apra Harbor on Nov. 9-12, from 9am to 11:55pm. Blank ammunition will be used for this training. Residents in surrounding areas are advised to be aware of units training in the area and should not be alarmed if they hear or see increased activity.

The U.S. Navy will conduct live fire exercises in the open

ocean on Nov. 9-12, from 9am to 11:55pm at the following coordinates: 13°26'N/145°08'E, 13°42'N/144°36'E. Marine vessels are advised to remain clear of the area for the duration of the event and to monitor the U.S. Coast Guard broadcast Notice to Mariners for advisories.

The U.S. Navy will conduct training in Apra Harbor on Nov. 10, from 9am to 6pm. The public is advised to remain clear of units training in the area.

The U.S. Navy will conduct training in the vicinity of Pago

Bay on Nov. 10-13, from 9am to 4pm. The public is advised to be aware of military units training in the area.

The U.S. Navy will conduct training in Outer Apra Harbor on Nov. 11-12, from 10am to 2pm. The public and marine vessels are requested to remain clear of units training in the area.

The U.S. Navy will conduct training in Radio Barigada on Nov. 12-13, from 8am to 2pm. The public and residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity

due to the training.

These trainings support readiness and are critical to developing the skills needed to respond to operational missions throughout the region to ensure a stable, free, and open Indo-Pacific. (PR)

NGSWCD board meeting set

The Northern Guam Soil and Water Conservation District regular monthly board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020, at pm. Call 483-0097 for the Zoom link. (PR)

**NEW SMUGGLING SOURCES**

From left, Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig, Customs director Jose Mafnas Sr., and Customs planner and public information officer Reina C. Camacho disclosed at a press briefing last Nov. 6, 2020, that many illicit drugs like crystal meth and fake merchandise are now coming from the U.S. mainland and are smuggled to the CNMI through mail and packages at the U.S. Post Office.

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Janice E. Castro
Director, DCRM

Notice of Public Hearing

Tuesday, November 24, 2020, 2PM
BECQ 3rd Floor Conference Room
Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

Due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19 and to ensure the health and safety of all, this public hearing will be conducted via video conferencing through Google Meet (meeting code: pgf-wbht-yic or join via telephone by dialing 1 661-458-9709 PIN Code: 466 166 674#).

A. CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2020-X-048

Project: NEW HOPE QUARRY OPERATION

Applicant: Success International Corporation

Success International Corporation is proposing to operate the New Hope Quarry by producing manufactured sand, aggregates of different sizes, and limestone coral using various heavy equipment such as a rock-crusher and a future batching plant facility. The quarry site is situated on leased public land identified as Lot No. 011 C 04, with 47,018 square meters of land. The applicant is also proposing to construct a 2-story building structure using two ocean freight cargo containers.

B. CRM Permit Amendment Application No. SMS-96-X-20-A1

Project: WINNERS COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Applicant: P&A Corporation

P&A Corporation is amending its existing commercial operations to include additional services such as (1) roller skating arena; (2) commercial laundry facility; (3) guest house accommodations; and (4) shallow above-ground children's wading pool. The development is situated on a leased private property identified as Lot No. 550NEW-15, measuring about 12,000 square meters, more or less, in Afetas, Saipan.

C. CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2016-X-088

Project: PHASE I AND PHASE II, ROUTE 33 BEACH ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Applicant: Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is proposing to commence the Phase I and Phase II Route 33 Beach Road project to alleviate traffic safety hazards and inconveniences by repairing, modifying, and improving road conditions. Phase I will begin from Pacific Islands Club Beach Road to Beach Road-As Perdido Intersection Traffic Light. Phase II will begin from Beach Road-As Perdido Intersection Traffic Light to Atkins Kroll Toyota Intersection Traffic Light in Oleai, Saipan.

Written comments can be submitted by mail to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, sent by fax to 664-8315, or emailed to permitting@dcrm.gov.mp. The project files are open and can be reviewed by scheduling an appointment with DCRM. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the New Hope Quarry project, the Winners Commercial Facilities project, or the Route 33 Beach Road Improvement project.

/s/ JANICE E. CASTRO
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management



NORTHERN MARIANAS PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEMS INC.
NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

SUBMISSION DATE: NOV. 20, 2020
TIME: 09:00 A.M.

“OFFICE SPACE RENTAL”

The Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems Inc. is a non-profit organization that protects the civil, legal, and human interests of people with disabilities. NMPASI is seeking an office space to lease for 2 years with option to renew. The space must be 2,000 - 3,000 sq. ft. all inquiries must be directed to our Executive Director, James M. Rayphand.

Please submit proposal no later than the above date and time. NMPASI is located in Gualo Rai, Middle Road. Tel. Nos. 235-7273/74, Fax. 235-7275, Website: www.nmpasi.org.

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It's a beautiful day in the USA

It was well worth the wait. Joseph A. Biden Jr. has fairly won the presidency of the United States, thanks to the more than 74 million Americans who heard the better angels of our nature, as Abraham Lincoln urged long ago.

In Biden and his running mate, Kamala Harris, America has chosen unity over division, hope over hatred, competence over cunning, faith over fear, dignity over disgrace, compassion over cruelty, calm over chaos and truth over falsehood.

Fittingly, it was Pennsylvania that sealed their victory. Pennsylvania is the birthplace of American independence, of the Constitution and of our next president, who will restore the Constitution to its rightful place of honor in the White House.

Biden now holds the record for the popular vote, with 74,872,687. His appeal was evident Saturday as overjoyed people poured into the streets, tooted car horns and called like-minded friends and family, delighted that their four-year national nightmare is almost over.

Yet 70,602,144 voters chose President Trump, a record for a losing candidate. And today, a good many of our non-like-minded friends and family are feeling the pain of deep loss.

For many Trump supporters, it wasn't the man, so much as his policies. They'd say they didn't always like what he said or did, but that they were concerned about Democrats taking the country too far left. Even moderate Democrats expressed concern after the party's first primary debate.

But that is not Joe Biden. He's never been a "socialist." He's never coddled dictators. And he's never wanted to defund the police. Biden is a centrist who understands that a great many Americans feel left behind. And he has a proven track record of working with Republicans to get things done.

"I campaigned as a proud Democrat, but I will govern as an American president," he promised after the race was called on Saturday.

"We may be opponents—but we are not enemies," he said earlier.

We understand the despair that sets in when your candidate loses, but it's in the national interest for Trump voters to also heed their better angels. Emphasizing anger gets our country nowhere.

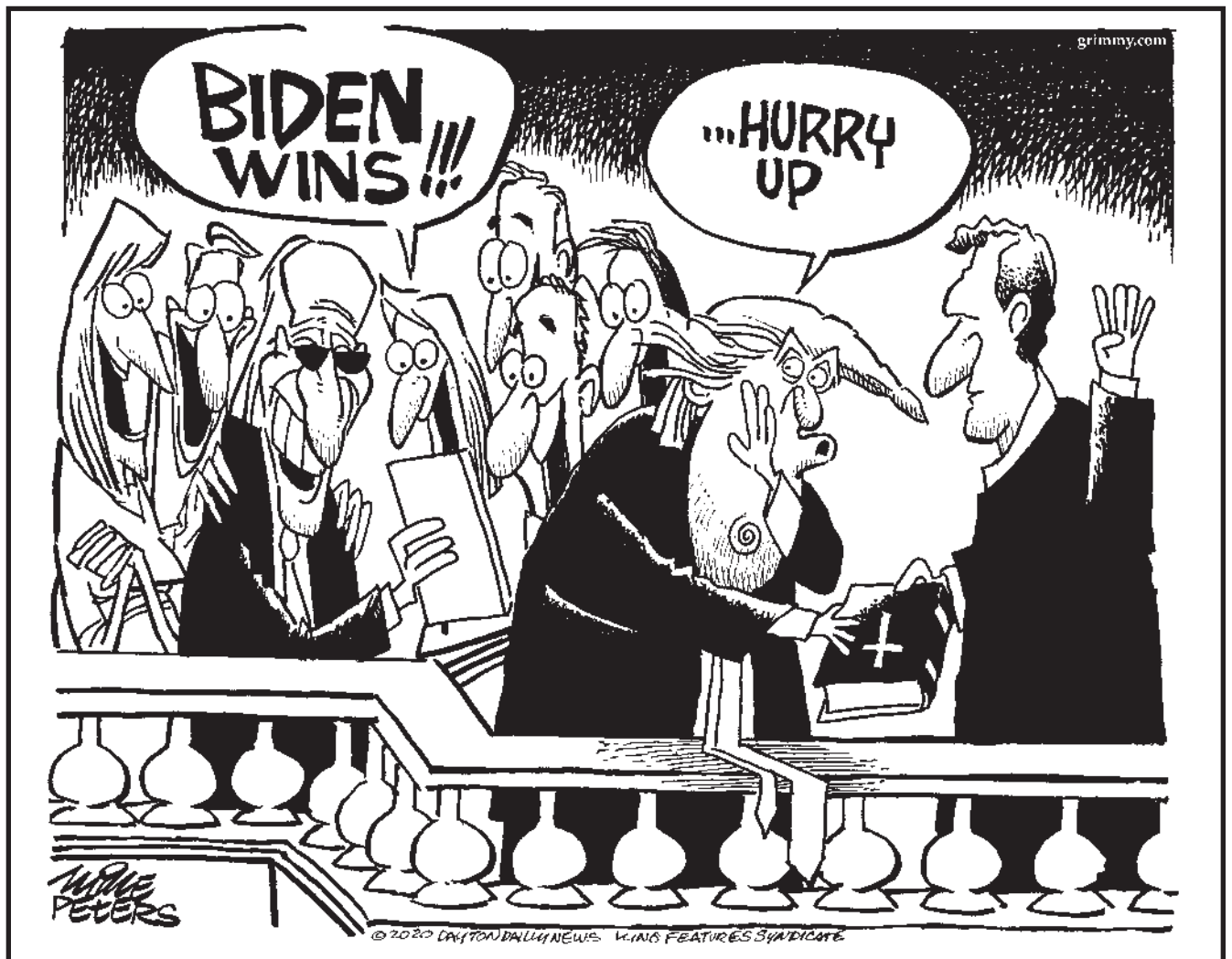
Yet Biden and Harris face a bitterly divided nation, a Senate that may remain under Republican control and an incumbent who is disparaging public confidence in the election. Only an hour before the race was called, Trump took to Twitter to declare "I WON THIS ELECTION, BY A LOT!"

Twitter rightly flagged this and other Trump tweets this week for making "potentially misleading claims about an election." It's also gratifying to see the broadcast media finally tune him out when he lies, and to hear Mitt Romney, Chris Christie, John Santorum and a few other prominent Republicans speak out against him.

Still, some of Trump's diehard allies are egging him on, even speculating about getting Republican legislatures to overturn the people's votes, a strategy more appropriate to a military dictatorship. The conduct of Ted Cruz, Lindsey Graham, Ron DeSantis, Matt Gaetz and a few others borders on disloyalty to the Constitution. So does the silence of the many Republicans who are afraid to speak out for what's right.

Ten presidents accepted defeat without throwing tantrums. So has every other contender.

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After the election, Congress needs to remember the rest of the world

The 2020 election will have enormous consequences for the pandemic, the planet, the economy, our democracy and people's lives. And that will be true even before the next Congress and administration take office.

After the vote, the current Congress will have an additional six weeks or so in office.

For some members, it will be a lame-duck session—their last weeks before heading back to corporate boards and the private sector. For others, it will be a chance to finish some unfinished business and provide relief to millions of people in this country.

Nearly a quarter of a million Americans have already died of COVID-19, and more than 8 million have been infected. The pandemic continues to ravage this country, destroying lives, our economy and vulnerable communities—and that doesn't stop for elections.

Congress's first job in those last weeks will be to provide the relief we so desperately need. That includes restoring the lapsed \$600/week supplemental unemployment insurance, funding our cities and states so they can pay for health care workers and supplies, and expanding job support and emergency access to health care and food.

In the wake of the Trump administration's efforts to destroy the Postal Service to undermine mail-in voting during the pandemic, those last weeks could also see some initial efforts to rebuild the battered agency.

The existing Republican-dominated Senate will still be in office, so there will be no chance of removing Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, the Donald Trump appointee responsible for so much of this anti-democratic agenda.

But it's still possible to envision some repair efforts that could gain even veto-proof majorities—starting with a multibillion-dollar appropriation to return the USPS to financial security. All just in time to mail out invitations to the "New Congress is coming to town" parties early next year.

Looking beyond our own shores, Congress should also take those in-between weeks to reexamine the global nature of the pandemic and what it's going to take to end it.

It's bad enough that our federal government has refused to take responsibility for a national response to the pandemic. Even worse, it's refused to even acknowledge the necessity of international coordination.

President Trump even withdrew from the most important center of global anti-pandemic coordination, the World Health Organization, and stopped paying dues to the WHO just as the virus was reaching its first heights.

By PHYLLIS BENNIS

InsideSources.com

Phyllis Bennis directs the New Internationalism Project at the Institute for Policy Studies. She wrote this for InsideSources.com.



Luckily, most of the rest of the world understands the need for international connection. People around the world are watching us, recognizing that our elections will have enormous consequences for them—almost as much as for us.

After all, what happens in our country affects people all around the world. Authoritarian governments in Brazil, the Philippines, Hungary and beyond have relied on cues from the Trump administration, including its disdain for the virus and necessary preventive measures.

Congress can move quickly to reverse that, calling on the State Department to immediately rejoin the World Health Organization and authorizing funds to pay all our back dues. It can also allocate funds to join the U.N.-sponsored COVAX coalition ensuring a globally equitable allocation system for vaccines.

All that would be a welcome down payment for the next Congress and administration, which will have the enormous task of repairing our relationships with the rest of the world.

That should begin by reversing the militarized initiatives that have undermined U.S. standing and caused so much death and destruction. For instance, Congress will have to work to end U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia as a step toward ending U.S. involvement in Yemen's civil war, the world's worst humanitarian disaster.

It will need to cancel the 2001 and 2002 Authorizations for the Use of Military Force that have been used to justify the ever-expanding "war on terror" for almost 20 years, despite near-universal agreement by experts that there is no military solution to terrorism.

Finally, Congress will need to end funding for the continuing drone wars in Afghanistan, Yemen, Iraq, Somalia, Syria and Pakistan, and end authority for war-by-other-means economic sanctions now imposed most harshly on Iran and Venezuela but on other countries too.

They've got six weeks. And even a lame-duck Congress must remember their actions have global consequences too.

Biden will need to get creative to save the economy

Joe Biden has been elected to be the next president of the United States. Now he'll have to get creative.

When the president-elect takes office, he'll confront the country's two most acute challenges: an ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the economic damage it's wrought. But he'll have an uphill battle to enact the sort of bold policy agenda that many supporters were hoping for.

Barring a January surprise in Georgia's runoff election, Republicans are likely to retain control of the Senate, denying Biden the unified control of government that his predecessors enjoyed when they came into office. With traditional relief and stimulus measures limited by opposition party intransigence, Biden might still be able to pass policies designed to resuscitate the stricken service sector directly.

The U.S. economy has bounced rapidly back since April, but only partially. Employment has only recovered about halfway to where it was before COVID-19 struck, giving it the shape of a reverse square-root sign:

Lower-wage employees, who tend to work at the local services businesses most deeply impacted by the virus, are suffering more.

The economy is being afflicted by two simultaneous maladies. The first is continued fear of the virus, now in the middle of a devastating third wave. Fear, more than lockdowns, has kept Americans shut inside their homes, reluctant to take the risk of going out to shop or eat. That in turn gives rise to the second problem of decreased demand, which filters through the entire economy.

Fear of the virus will eventually be reduced by vaccines, which may become available in early 2021. A national program of testing and contact tracing—which President Donald Trump long resisted—would also help speed COVID-19 on its way,

and should be a priority for the incoming administration. But even when the virus is gone, the economy is likely to remain depressed for awhile, as the overhang of unemployment works its way out of the system.

Bold relief measures, of the type that sustained Americans through the pandemic's dark early days, probably won't be forthcoming given the GOP Senate's inevitable turn towards austerity. The same is true of traditional fiscal stimulus, such as a burst of infrastructure spending, that might help boost demand back to normal levels. But there might be a chance for more targeted measures to help the sectors of the economy that COVID-19 has hurt the most—local services.

Restaurants, shops, and other establishments that cater in person to customers have gone bust in large numbers. After the threat of the virus has passed, the U.S. government might try to resuscitate local economies by subsidizing new shops to fill the empty storefronts that now dot America's urban landscape. Some of these new establishments would be run by the same owners whose businesses went under during the pandemic, while others would be run by enterprising newcomers. But all would be able to draw on the local pool of unemployed, most of whom were working in these same types of businesses in 2019.

Subsidizing new local businesses would accomplish several goals at once. It would put people back to work at jobs they know how to do, and start pumping demand through the ecosystems of local economies. It would help prevent cities' commercial retail space from being riddled with unsightly boarded-up vacancies—a blight that hurts viable businesses next door. And it would help sustain and preserve the small business class.

This last aspect might make local business formation subsidies attractive to Republicans in the Senate; small business-

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people are a reliable Republican constituency. Additionally, this policy would be highly targeted; the subsidies could last only until a town's existing commercial vacancies had been mostly filled, limiting the cost of the program and avoiding the appearance of handing out money at random.

Strict free-market adherents might worry that this plan would delay or prevent needed transformation in the U.S.'s industrial mix. The pandemic has shifted demand from local services to e-commerce; people are watching Netflix instead of going to movie theaters, and ordering things off of Amazon instead of buying them in stores. Some will question whether reversing that shift should be an economic priority.

But the benefit of quickly and cheaply resuscitating local U.S. economies far outweighs the danger of slightly delaying the evolution to a more online future. In fact, local business formation subsidies will simply accelerate a move that's already in place; new business filings have been above trend since August, as entrepreneurs take advantage of cheap rents and labor. The local economy is restoring itself already—it could just use a push to get the job done faster.

Philly put Biden over the top, but Trump did better in the city than four years ago

In a divided country, half of America this weekend fell hard for Philadelphia.

First, a batch of mail ballot results made public Friday gave former Vice President Joe Biden his first, narrow lead over President Donald Trump in Pennsylvania. Then another batch of results released Saturday secured victory for Biden in the state, tipping the Electoral College his way.

Biden fans rejoiced with quick takes on social media and exuberance in the street. Trump supporters, including his personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani, continued to level false claims of fraud. Philadelphia was victor or villain, depending on your political point of view.

The numbers tell a more textured tale.

Trump actually did better in Philadelphia in 2020 than in 2016, when he won almost 109,000 votes (Hillary Clinton won about 584,000 in the overwhelmingly Democratic city.) Trump took two of the city's 66 wards that year—the 26th Ward in South Philadelphia and the 66th Ward in Northeast Philadelphia.

While the final 2020 ballots were still being counted in Phila-

delphia, Trump had logged almost 127,000 votes as of Saturday afternoon, just over 18% of the votes in the city. Biden won 81%, with about 561,000 votes.

And Trump didn't just hold on to the 26th and 66th Wards. He also picked up Northeast Philadelphia's 58th Ward. He also won divisions in some wards on the east side of South Philadelphia and along the river wards of Port Richmond, Bridesburg, and Tacony.

Former U.S. Rep. Bob Brady, between celebratory calls Saturday with Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, shrugged off Trump's gains in the city.

"That's fine," Brady said of the three wards. "He can win all of them, but they're not going to call him Mr. President anymore."

Former Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, who cautioned Clinton four years ago about the phenomenon of the "shy Trump voter"—people who support the president but don't say so to pollsters—said that was still a factor in this election.

"Trump's message is appealing to people who are angry, to people who are afraid," Rendell said. "He delivers that message

By CHRIS BRENNAN

The Philadelphia Inquirer



in a way that is far from the truth but in an effective or dramatic way for people who take to it. He was a formidable campaigner."

State Rep. Kevin Boyle, a Democrat who represents a Northeast Philadelphia district where Trump won some divisions, says his party is struggling to appeal to white working-class voters.

"I think the Trump campaign was able to demonize Democratic positions and make them out to be something they aren't," Boyle said. "There's no Democrats that I'm aware of in Philadelphia who want to get rid of the police. But I was seeing that. People were believing that."

Boyle said Trump's campaign was also effective at galvanizing support among immigrants and first- and second-generation Americans of Russian, Ukrainian, and Indian descent in Northeast Philadelphia.

"I think what caught a lot of Democrats by surprise was, even with this maximized turnout, Trump was competitive," Boyle said. "I think a lot of Democrats were thinking this was going to be a Democratic landslide."

Mark Nevins, a Democratic political consultant in Philadelphia, saw space for Trump to grow in the 2020 results because of fewer third-party candidates on the ballot this year. Three third-party candidates in 2016 took in nearly 15,000 votes, a combined 2.2% of the total. This year, Libertarian Jo Jorgensen collected just over 4,500 votes in Tuesday's election, less than 1%, and the Green Party's presidential ticket was kicked off the ballot.

David Thornburgh, president of the Committee of Seventy, a good-government election watchdog group, predicted a continuing battle between Republicans and Democrats over working-class voters. And he saw that fight starting on the margins, noting that Trump "chipped away" at Biden's support in the city while Biden did the same in counties where Trump was running strong.

"It was a game of inches," Thornburgh said. "Chip a little off here, chip a little off there."

USA

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After losing the Supreme Court battle over Florida's hanging chads 20 years ago, Vice President Al Gore presided in dignity over the joint session of Congress that declared George W. Bush the winner. Bush's father, President George H.W. Bush, famously left a gracious letter in the Resolute desk for Bill Clinton, who had defeated him. In 2008, John McCain's concession speech to Barack Obama was a thing of beauty.

In Biden, there will soon be a decent man at the bully pulpit. He will remind Americans of how proper American presidents speak and act. He will do his best to rebuild "the twin pillars of our democracy—truth and trust," as the New York Times columnist Thomas L. Friedman phrased it.

We will again have a president who respects Americans of every political conviction, and who respects NATO, the World Trade Organization and other alliances we built with American blood and treasure that won the Cold War.

Our new president will respect science. He will have America rejoin the Paris Accord, deal with climate change as an existential threat to the human race, and reverse the Trump administration's reckless campaign to destroy or weaken the regulations that have protected consumers, the environment and public health. He has pledged to reunite the parents and children whom Trump separated at the Mexican border. He will keep the Dreamers from being deported to countries they do not know.

Through control of the Executive Branch, Biden should be able to restore the independence, the integrity, the morale and the depleted staffs of the Centers for Disease Control, Environmental Protection Agency and other essential services that Trump has sublimated

to politics. Before this president, they enjoyed respect worldwide. Now, one CDC insider tells us, it could take 10 years to fully rebuild what was until recently the world's premier health agency.

But such vital Biden initiatives as Medicare expansion, tax reform, rebuilding infrastructure and minimizing the use of fossil fuels are not goals that he can accomplish without the cooperation of both houses of Congress.

Control of the Senate now depends on a January 5 runoff for Georgia's two seats. That election will be as hard fought, as expensive and as intensely watched as the struggle for the White House itself.

The success of Biden's presidency depends to a large extent on whether his party earns a tie in the Senate, where Vice President Harris—the first woman and first woman of color to hold that office—would have the deciding vote, or remains down by one or two. Mitch McConnell, the hyper-partisan Republican leader, declared at the beginning of Obama's term that he meant to make him a one-term president. Can Biden expect better from him?

There is no way to gloss over what Republican control of the Senate would mean for public health, especially if the Supreme Court, with the vote of the three justices Trump appointed, overturns the Affordable Care Act.

So much now depends on Georgia. Both parties know that.

The Republicans basking in the glow of their congressional triumphs need to consider that the public's patience with obstructionism may not be infinite. At some point, voters will tire of seeing a good president treated badly and the nation's needs sacrificed to spiteful politics.

It would behoove Marco Rubio to remember that he won't have Trump at the top of the ballot when his Senate term expires in two years.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

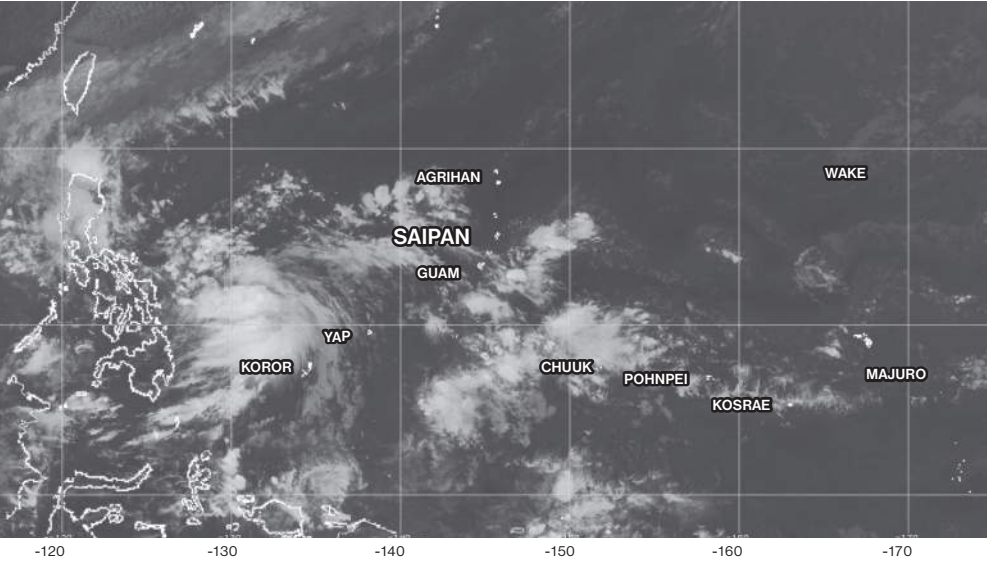
Case closed!

To Trump supporters everywhere: Remember when Hillary lost to Trump back in 2016? Republicans taunted Democrats for four years with 'Trump won, Hillary lost! Get over it!' To coin a well-worn phrase, 'Biden won, Trump lost! Get over it! Case closed!'

Herb Stark
Mooreville, NC

The Weather

| 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----|---|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|
| TODAY | | WEDNESDAY | | THURSDAY | | FRIDAY | | SATURDAY | |
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| Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph. | | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph. | | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | |
| 87° | 77° | 87° | 77° | 87° | 77° | 87° | 77° | 87° | 77° |
| YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE | | | | | | | | | |



PICTURE TIME: 8:22 AM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

East winds will prevail over the Mariana Islands over the next few days. An upper-level low was located west of the mariana Islands, with showers and a few thunderstorms developing near it. Another disturbance southeast of Guam was helping initiate shower and thunderstorm development, which should continue expanding to the northwest through the day, reaching the Mariana Islands by this afternoon and continuing tonight.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
 - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
 - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20

seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

| MICRONESIA | | | ▲ | ▼ | °F |
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| Guam and Rota | Thunderstorms | 86° / 79° | | | |
| Palau | Thunderstorms | 84° / 78° | | | |
| Yap | Thunderstorms | 84° / 80° | | | |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | 87° / 80° | | | |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | 86° / 77° | | | |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorms | 86° / 77° | | | |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | 85° / 80° | | | |

| DAY | SUNRISE | SUNSET |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| Today | 6:16 AM | 5:45 PM |
| Wednesday | 6:16 AM | 5:44 PM |
| Thursday | 6:16 AM | 5:44 PM |
| Friday | 6:17 AM | 5:44 PM |
| Saturday | 6:18 AM | 5:44 PM |

| DAY | MOONRISE | MOONSET | MOONRISE |
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| Today | 1:02 AM | 1:59 PM | - |
| Wednesday | 1:59 AM | 2:44 PM | - |
| Thursday | 2:57 AM | 3:28 PM | - |
| Friday | 3:56 AM | 4:13 PM | - |
| Saturday | 4:57 AM | 5:00 PM | - |

| AROUND THE GLOBE | | | ▲ | ▼ | °F |
|------------------|---------------|-----------|---|---|----|
| Auckland | Cloudy | 64° / 55° | | | |
| Beijing | Sunny | 52° / 28° | | | |
| Hong Kong | Sunny | 84° / 73° | | | |
| Honolulu | Mostly Sunny | 84° / 73° | | | |
| London | Partly Cloudy | 55° / 46° | | | |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | 70° / 59° | | | |
| Manila | Thunderstorms | 84° / 77° | | | |
| Melbourne | Cloudy | 77° / 52° | | | |
| Miami | Mostly Sunny | 82° / 75° | | | |
| New York | Mostly Sunny | 56° / 39° | | | |
| Osaka | Sunny | 66° / 57° | | | |
| Paris | Partly Cloudy | 52° / 43° | | | |
| Busan | Sunny | 70° / 45° | | | |
| Rome | Partly Cloudy | 63° / 45° | | | |
| Salem | Rain | 66° / 46° | | | |
| San Francisco | Partly Cloudy | 61° / 51° | | | |
| Seoul | Rain | 61° / 37° | | | |
| Tokyo | Partly Cloudy | 61° / 57° | | | |
| Washington, DC | Partly Cloudy | 56° / 39° | | | |

| TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY | | | FEET |
|----------------------------|-----------|------|------|
| 1:37 AM | HIGH TIDE | 1.32 | |
| 8:50 AM | LOW TIDE | 0.04 | |
| 4:10 PM | HIGH TIDE | 1.81 | |
| 10:27 PM | LOW TIDE | 0.82 | |

| FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2020 | | | | | | | |
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| DEPARTURES | | | | ARRIVALS | | | |
| SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM) | | | | GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN | | | |
| UA117 | 6:55am | 7:35am | 1, 4, 6 | UA174 | 5:10am | 5:51am | 1, 4, 6 |
| SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL) | | | | MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN | | | |
| UA117/183 | 6:55am | 9:50pm | 1 via Guam | UA184/174 | 10:40pm | 5:51am+1 | 3, 5 via Guam |
| GUAM-MANILA (MNL) | | | | MANILA (MNL)-GUAM | | | |
| UA183 | 8:00pm | 9:50pm | 1, 3, 5 | UA184 | 10:40pm | 4:30am+1 | 1, 3, 5 |
| LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. <i>(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)</i> | | | | | | | |

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 8, 2020

| SAIPAN TO ROTA | | | |
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| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
| 1301 | 8:30AM | 9:00AM | Mon/Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri |
| 1302 | 11:00AM | 11:30AM | Mon/Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri |
| 1303 | 3:30PM | 4:00PM | Mon/Wed/Fri |
| ROTA TO SAIPAN | | | |
| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
| 3101 | 9:30AM | 10:00AM | Mon/Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri |
| 3102 | 12:00AM | 12:30AM | Mon/Tues/Wed/ Thurs/Fri |
| 3103 | 4:30PM | 5:00PM | Mon/Wed/Fri |
| ROTA TO GUAM | | | |
| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
| 3401 | 12:15 | 12:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| GUAM TO ROTA | | | |
| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
| 4301 | 13:00 | 13:30 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| SAIPAN TO TINIAN | | | |
| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
| 1201 | 7:00 | 7:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 1202 | 8:00 | 8:15 | Daily |
| 1203 | 9:00 | 9:15 | Daily |
| 1204 | 10:00 | 10:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |

| 1205 | 11:00 | 11:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
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| 1206 | 12:00 | 12:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 1207 | 13:00 | 13:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 1208 | 14:00 | 14:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 1209 | 15:00 | 15:15 | Daily |
| 1210 | 16:00 | 16:15 | Daily |
| 1211 | 17:00 | 17:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 1212 | 18:00 | 18:15 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| TINIAN TO SAIPAN | | | |
| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
| 2101 | 7:30 | 7:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2102 | 8:30 | 8:45 | Daily |
| 2103 | 9:30 | 9:45 | Daily |
| 2104 | 10:30 | 10:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2105 | 11:30 | 11:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2106 | 12:30 | 12:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2107 | 13:30 | 13:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2108 | 14:30 | 14:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2109 | 15:30 | 15:45 | Daily |
| 2110 | 16:30 | 16:45 | Daily |
| 2111 | 17:30 | 17:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |
| 2112 | 18:30 | 18:45 | Temporarily Unavailable |

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Business

V-Lynn's BBQ expands to CK



MARK RABAGO

Lynn's BBQ has opened a second location at Kada Dia and it is open from Monday to Sunday, 9am-9pm.

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V-Lynn's BBQ has expanded to Saipan's old capital of Chalan Kanoa after

opening a second location at the Kada Dia everyday market.

Owner Reynaldo Joson said that James Matsumoto, who is the managing member of BPJ Ventures, LLC, invited him to put up a stall at Kada Dia. After recognizing the excel-

lent business opportunity, he decided to go ahead with the expansion.

"James convinced me and my wife to put up the same barbecue stand at Kada Dia. ...After the construction of Kada Dia was completed I

went back to inspect the area and told my wife, 'Let's do it!'" he told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview.

What sold him to the idea is Kada Dia's strategic location and the heavy foot traffic in the area as it is next to the U.S. Post Office in Chalan Kanoa.

Joson said the Kada Dia branch of V-Lynn's BBQ will sell the same food items sold at their Garapan store, including his famous and distinct barbecue doused in his secret sweet and tangy marinade. A rundown of the menu includes pork and chicken barbecue skewers, *isaw* or beef intestine, *lumpiang* shanghai (Fili-

pino spring rolls), pork ears, chicken feet, hotdog, corn on the cob, hot sausage, tilapia, reef fish, squid, fried chicken, spicy chicken wings, vegetable lumpia, *kwek-kwek*, tempura, and regular and flavored

French fries. For drinks, the new stall offers lemonade and pearl shake.

As far as adhering to guidelines set by the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, V-Lynn's BBQ practices social distancing, requires their staff to wear face masks and gloves, as well as use hand sanitizers all the time. Customers are also required to wear face masks and practice social distancing.

Despite the coronavirus pandemic going on its eighth month now on Saipan, Joson is thankful that his business is still surviving and even thriving.

V-Lynn's BBQ at Kada Dia is open from Monday to Sunday 10am-7pm. For more information or for advance orders, call 285-8958.

In related news, Matsumoto announced yesterday that Magbers, a Chamorro food vendor, opened at Kada Dia yesterday morning. He said Magbers is open for breakfast (the first stall at Kada Dia to open at 6:30am), lunch, and dinner. Three more food stalls—Couples Cakery, Sweet & Salty, and Baci Pizza—are also set to open at Kada Dia soon.



MARK RABAGO

Magbers, a Chamorro food vendor, also opened at Kada Dia yesterday morning.

UK and EU to 'redouble efforts' on post-Brexit trade deal

LONDON (AP)—British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and the head of the European Union's executive arm agreed Saturday to stay in contact as their negotiating teams step up efforts to conclude a post-Brexit trade deal between the U.K. and the European Union before time runs out.

With less than two months to go before the U.K. exits the EU's economic orbit, a spokesman at Johnson's Downing Street office said the negotiating teams would "redouble efforts to reach a deal" when talks resume in London on Monday.

The spokesman said Johnson told European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen during a Saturday telephone call that "significant differences" remain despite "some progress" in the negotiators' recent discussions.

In a similar sounding statement, Von der Leyen noted some progress as well as "large differences" in the trade talks,

adding that the negotiating teams will "continue working hard" to secure a deal.

Both sides said the main issues at hand related to a so-called "level playing field" governing business regulations and fisheries.

Though the U.K. left the EU on Jan. 31, it remains within the bloc's tariff-free single market and customs union until the end of the year. In order for a deal to pass the necessary legislative hurdles, an agreement has to be secured soon, potentially over the next week.

A trade deal would ensure there are no tariffs and quotas on trade in goods between the two sides, but there would still be technical costs, partly associated with customs checks and non-tariff barriers on services.

Though both sides would suffer economically from a failure to secure a trade deal, most economists think the British economy would take a greater hit, at least in the near-

term, as it is relatively more reliant on trade with the EU than vice versa.

When the EU's chief negotiator, Michel Barnier, and his British counterpart, David Frost, meet next week, they will do so in the knowledge that Joe Biden has won the U.S. presidential election; The Associated Press and other U.S. news outlets called the race in Biden's favor Saturday.

Though the election is not connected directly, many analysts say it could have a bearing on the discussions.

President Donald Trump was a Brexit cheerleader and said he wanted to conclude a trade deal with the U.K. were he to win reelection.

In contrast, Biden has voiced worries about the impact of Brexit on the peace process on the island of Ireland. The former Democratic vice president said he would seek to rebuild U.S. ties with the EU, were he to become president.

Australian media on trial for breaching order in Pell case

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—High-profile Australian journalists and large media organizations went on trial on Monday on charges that they breached a gag order on reporting about Cardinal George Pell's sex abuse convictions in 2018 that have since been overturned.

A total of 18 individual journalists, editors and broadcasters face potential prison sentences and 12 organizations face fines if they are found guilty in the Victoria state Supreme Court of breaching a judge's suppression order on Pell's case. They have all pleaded not guilty.

Justice John Dixon is hearing the trial without a jury and via video links due to pandemic restrictions. The trial is expected to take two to three weeks.

Such suppression orders are common in the Australian and British judicial systems. But the enormous international interest in an Australian criminal

trial with global ramifications highlighted the difficulty in enforcing such orders in the digital age.

Pell was convicted on Dec. 11, 2018, of sexually abusing two choirboys in a Melbourne cathedral when he the city's archbishop in the late 1990s.

The trial of Pope Francis' former finance minister and the most senior Catholic to be charged with child sex abuse had not been reported in the news media because of a suppression order that forbid publication of details in any format that could be accessed from Australia.

Details were suppressed to prevent prejudicing jurors in a second child abuse trial that Pell was to face three months later.

That second trial was cancelled due to a lack of evidence and Australia's High Court in April overturned all convictions after Pell had spent 13 months in prison.

In opening her case, pros-

ecutor Lisa De Ferrari told the judge that the morning after Pell's convictions, Australians could read about it on overseas websites, with U.S.-based The Daily Beast among the first to break the news.

No foreign news organization has been charged with breaching the suppression order. The U.S. Constitution's First Amendment would prevent such censorship in the United States, so attempting to extradite an American for breaching an Australian suppression order would be futile.

Melbourne's most popular newspaper, Herald Sun, published a white headline "CENSORED" across a black front page.

"The world is reading a very important story that is relevant to Victorians," the newspaper said, referring to residents of Victoria state.

The newspaper said it was prevented from "publishing details of this significant news."

Nation

Referendum on Trump shatters turnout records

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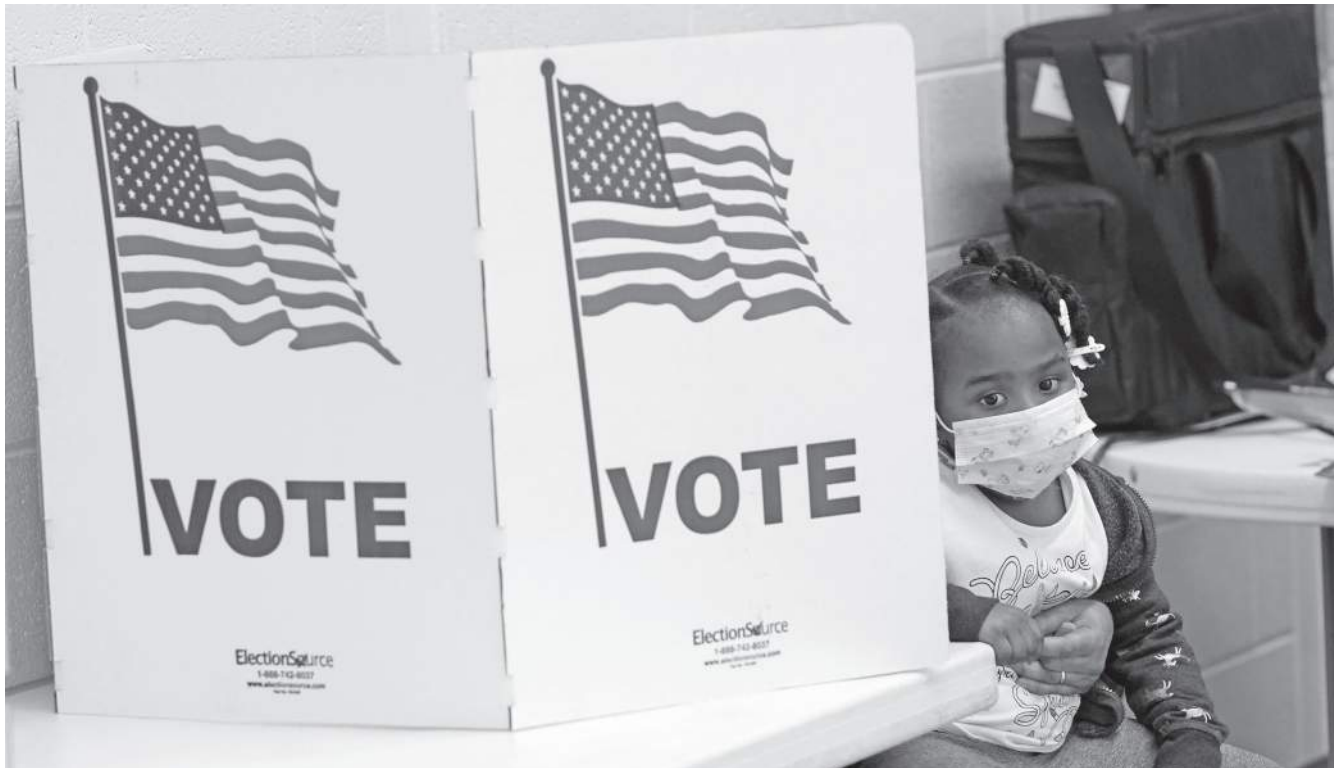
With votes still being counted, turnout in the 2020 presidential election has hit a 50-year high, exceeding the record set by the 2008 presidential election of Barack Obama—an extraordinary engagement in what amounted to a referendum on President Donald Trump's leadership.

As of Sunday, the tallied votes accounted for 62% of the eligible voting-age population in the U.S. That's a 0.4 percentage point increase so far over the rate hit in 2008, when the nation elected its first Black president.

The sheer number of votes also set records, although that's a less remarkable milestone given the country's growing population. So far 148 million votes have been tallied, with Democrat Joe Biden winning more than 75 million—the highest number for a presidential candidate in history. Trump received more than 70 million—the highest total for a losing candidate.

The numbers are certain to rise as election officials continue to count more ballots. But election experts and partisans already are debating the forces behind the swell of civic participation. Some pointed to the numbers as evidence of what happens when states expand the time and the ways voters can cast ballots, as many states did this year. Other noted the extraordinary high passions Trump provoked—both for and against.

The result: the highest turnout since 1968, according to data from the Associated Press and the United States Elections Project, which tracks turnout. Experts think the 2020 rate could hit heights not seen since the beginning



In this Nov. 3, 2020, photo, Mikara Stewart, 5, looks around a voting privacy kiosk while her unseen grandmother Doris Thomas, votes in Precinct 36 after standing in line for almost two hours in Jackson, Miss.

of the 20th century, before all women were allowed to vote.

"It's hard to imagine we can get higher than this," said Michael McDonald, a political scientist at the University of Florida who runs the Elections Project.

An Associated Press analysis shows that some of the biggest turnout increases to date occurred in states that liberalized their mail-voting rules. In two states where it was expanded significantly, Montana and Vermont, turnout rose by more than 10 percentage points and more than 9 percentage points, respectively, over the previous presidential election, enough to put the states into the top 10 increases. Hawaii saw the biggest turnout increase, a more than 14 percentage point jump so far.

Texas, which did not expand mail voting but gave voters extra time to cast early ballots in person, saw a whopping more than 9 percentage point increase in turnout, moving

from 50% to 59% of its citizen voting-age population going to the polls.

Many of the states with the biggest turnout increases—including Arizona, Texas and Georgia—were new battlegrounds in the presidential race, places where Democrats sought to mobilize new voters and shift Republican strongholds. Some analysts noted the number proved the efficacy of voter outreach and organization efforts.

"People vote when they're asked to vote," said Seth Masket, a political scientist at Denver University.

But the record high participation, to Democrats' surprise, did not always help them. The party lost House seats and failed to win enough Senate seats outright to take control of the upper chamber—that now rests on runoffs in Georgia. They also failed to turn a single state legislature from Republican control.

Those results undermine the longtime conventional wisdom

that Democrats benefit most from high turnout. It's a theory even Trump espoused this year, when he warned of "levels of voting" so high that "you'd never have a Republican elected in this country again."

Democrats were excited about massive early voting in places with normally underperforming electorates, like Texas, "Our position in Texas was always that, we're not a red state, we're a non-voting state," said Gilbert Hinojosa, chairman of the Texas Democratic Party, which had hoped to take control of the Texas House of Representatives.

Instead, Texas Democrats didn't even come close, despite the jump in voting, losing the presidential vote by 5.5 percentage points, failing to gain any congressional seats or make up ground in the state legislature.

The results had some Democrats second-guessing the party's decision to idle its door-knocking and in-person

voter outreach for months, out of concern about spreading the coronavirus.

"Perhaps we were not reaching the people we needed to for persuasion," Hinojosa said. "I've got to believe that's just much more effective face-to-face."

It's still early to know exactly who turned out on Tuesday. But Tom Bonier, a Democratic data analyst, looked at information from three all-mail states—Colorado, Nevada and Oregon—and saw sizable increases in younger and non-white voters, as well as other core Democratic constituencies.

Calculating historical turnout rates is tricky because of changes in the ways voter records were kept when larger shares of the population were not allowed to vote. Predictions of a record high rate are based on records maintained by McDonald, who has calculated the number of eligible voters every election year all the way back to the founding.

5 states OK measures eradicating racist language, symbols

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—Alabama voters reversed themselves from a few years ago and removed racist vestiges of segregation from the state constitution that courts long ago ruled unconstitutional. Rhode Island did a similar a U-turn to eradicate the word "plantations" from the state's official name.

In a year when discussions of racial justice have dominated U.S. society like few others, five states voted to cleanse the public sphere of words, phrases and symbols that to many were painful reminders of the nation's history of slavery and the systematic oppression of Black people.

Brendan Skip Mark, who teaches political science at the University of Rhode Island, believes the decisions were linked to the revulsion and widespread protests that followed the police killing of George Floyd in Minnesota in May.

"In many ways this has sparked a national conversation on race, and I think we've seen a lot of people who are more willing to take concrete steps to address racism than they were in the past," Mark said.

In addition to the votes in Alabama and Rhode Island, residents of Utah and Nebraska decided to strip their constitutions of unenforceable provisions that allowed slavery as a punishment for criminal convictions. And Mississippi voters approved a state flag without the familiar X-shaped design of the Confederate battle flag.

The votes are a positive sign in a nation where racial tension always has existed, said Stacy Moak, who teaches in the social work department at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

"Affirmative votes for these changes shows a willingness on the part of Americans to provide for a more inclusive community. These changes, by themselves, are not enough—but they are encouraging signs of progress in the right direction," she said in an interview conducted by email.

The Alabama measure begins the process of removing Jim Crow language from the 1901 Constitution that was intended to entrench white supremacy. Voters in the mostly white, conservative state had rejected similar proposals twice since 2000.

Fraud claims aimed in part at keeping Trump base loyal

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump has promised legal action in the coming days as he refused to concede his loss to Democrat Joe Biden, making an aggressive pitch for donors to help finance any court fight.

Trump and his campaign have leveled accusations of large-scale voter fraud in Pennsylvania and other states that broke for Biden, so far without proof.

But senior officials, campaign aides and allies told The Associated Press that overwhelming evidence of fraud

isn't really the point.

The strategy to wage a legal fight against the votes tallied for Biden in Pennsylvania and other places is more to provide Trump with an off-ramp for a loss he can't quite grasp and less about changing the election's outcome, the officials said. They spoke to AP on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal strategy.

Trump aides and allies also acknowledged privately the legal fights would—at best—forestall the inevitable, and some had deep reservations about the president's attempts

to undermine faith in the vote. But they said Trump and a core group of loyalists were aiming to keep his base of supporters on his side even in defeat.

There has been no election in decades in which such widespread fraud was alleged. The closest was the 1960 election in which Democrat John F. Kennedy beat Republican Richard Nixon, and there were allegations that fraud helped Kennedy win.

Moments after the AP called the race for Biden, Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani stood in front of campaign banner

taped over the garage door of a landscaping company in Philadelphia, wedged between a cremation center and an adult book store, with a handful of poll watchers and declared they'd been kept too far away to check for any inaccuracies.

"We have no way of knowing, because we've been deprived of the right to inspect ballots," he said.

Partisan poll watchers are designated by a political party or campaign to report any concerns they may have. They are not poll workers who actually tally ballots. Monitoring poll-

ing places and election offices is allowed in most states, but rules vary and there are certain limits to avoid any harassment or intimidation. They are not allowed to interfere with the conduct of the election and are typically required to register in advance with the local election office.

This year, because of the coronavirus that has killed more than 230,000 people across the country, there was litigation in a few states, including Pennsylvania, over where poll watchers could stand to ensure social distancing.

Asia

IN PRO-DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT

Protesters defy police water cannons to deliver letters

BANGKOK (AP)—Pro-democracy protesters in Thailand were confronted by riot police and sprayed by water cannons Sunday as they tried to approach Bangkok's Grand Palace to deliver letters about their political grievances addressed to the country's king.

The pro-democracy movement has been pushing a bold challenge to reform the country's monarchy with almost daily demonstrations. Sunday marked the second time water cannons were used against the protesters during several months of demonstrations.

The melee was brief, and police later allowed the protesters to place four red mock mailboxes near the palace walls into which protesters could place their letters. People then went home, ending the protest.

The police had let loose with their water cannons when protesters pushed aside one of several buses serving as a barrier to marchers trying to approach the palace, which houses the royal offices but

is only used by King Maha Vajiralongkorn on infrequent ceremonial occasions. The attempt to break through came after police had declared their march illegal and asked for protesters to send representatives to talk.

The protesters had met earlier at Bangkok's Democracy Monument and marched as darkness fell, pushing past an initial thin line of police. Protesters threw objects at police during the melee, but both sides backed off after a few minutes and it appeared that no one suffered any serious injuries.

"People just wanted to submit the letters. There was no sign of violence from protesters at all," said protester Thawatchai Tongtuk, 36. "If the police gave way, I believe that the leaders would have submitted the letters and then been finished. Everyone would go home."

"The more violence they use, the more people will join the protest," Thawatchai said.

The demonstrators had solicited letters to the king from

protest supporters that marchers said they intended to deliver, though the action was clearly a symbolic one, with the ultimate disposition of the missives unclear. It was the latest gimmick by the protest movement to maintain public interest in their cause.

The student-led movement, which over several months has seized the political initiative, has put enough pressure on the government of Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha to call for Parliament to deal with at least some of their demands.

They are seeking Prayuth's resignation, changes to the constitution to make it more democratic and reforms to the monarchy to make it more accountable.

The protesters believe Prayuth lacks legitimacy because he came to power after an election last year whose rules were set up under military rule. Prayuth as army chief in 2014 led a coup ousting an elected government and then headed the junta that ran the country until last year's polls.

Japan emperor's brother proclaimed 1st in line to throne

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese Emperor Naruhito's younger brother, Crown Prince Fumihito, was formally sworn in as first in line to the Chrysanthemum Throne in a traditional palace ritual Sunday that has been postponed for seven months and scaled down due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The ceremony for the 54-year-old crown prince, better known as Prince Akishino, concludes a series of imperial succession rituals that began in May last year when Naruhito ascended to the throne after their 86-year-old father Akihito abdicated.

Inside the palace's most prestigious Pine Room, Naruhito, 60, declared that his younger brother is now officially the crown prince who is first in line to succeed the throne of the world's oldest monarchy.

"I hereby declare in and outside of the country that prince Fumihito is now the crown prince," said Naruhito, in his reddish brown robe and a headdress. Fumihito, in an orange robe and accompanied by his wife, Crown Princess Kiko, pledged in response: "I deeply acknowledge my responsibilities as crown prince and carry out my duties."

The approximately 15-minute ceremony, initially scheduled for April 19, was postponed after Japan's government issued a state of emergency earlier that month due to the pandemic.

Sunday's ritual was scaled down from the original 350 to about 50 attendants that included Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and other top government officials, as well as prefectural representatives and select foreign dignitaries.

In a separate, closed ceremony later Sunday, Fumihito inherited an imperial sword symbolizing his status as crown prince.

Palace banquets and other events including public signing of congratulatory messages have been canceled as part of anti-virus measures.

Sunday's proclamation for the crown prince paves the way for the government to start discussing what to do with the dire shortage of heirs.

Naruhito's succession left only two younger men in line for the throne—Fumihito and his 14-year-old son, Hisahito. Naruhito's 18-year-old daughter, Aiko, and the crown prince's two daughters Mako and Kako are not in line because they are women.

Japan's Imperial House Law, largely based on pre-war constitution, does not allow a female emperor and bars women when they marry commoners.

The government in 2005 considered the possibility of female emperors, but the discussion halted as soon as Hisahito was born the following year. Surveys have shown that most Japanese support having female emperors, as Aiko has become increasingly popular.

Suga recently said his government will begin studying ways to secure a stable imperial succession after the crown prince's proclamation.

Official duties increased during the reign of hugely popular former emperor Akihito, who actively interacted with the public, including visiting disaster-hit areas to console residents.

Fumihito, one of the outspoken members of the imperial family, has expressed his views on how the family should adapt to modern times. He has said he believed royal duties can be shared equally regardless of gender, though he declined to comment on whether female emperors should be allowed.

World

World leaders hoping for fresh start after Biden win



A passer-by takes a selfie with an extra newspaper reporting on President-elect Joe Biden's win in the U.S. presidential election, in Tokyo Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020. The headline reads: "Mr. Biden Assured to win."

World leaders on Sunday cheered Joe Biden's election as U.S. president as a chance to enhance cooperation on climate change, the coronavirus and other problems after four years of President Donald Trump's rejection of international alliances.

Trump had yet to concede defeat, but Western and Asian allies expressed hope for a fresh start following Trump's "American First" trade policies, withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement and attacks on NATO and the World Health Organization.

In Asia, a region on edge about the strategic ambitions of China's ruling Communist Party, the elected leaders of Japan, South Korea and Taiwan invoked "shared values" with Washington and expressed hope for close relations.

"I look forward to working with you to further strengthen the Japan-US Alliance and ensure peace, freedom, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond," said Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga on Twitter. President Moon Jae-in of South Korea said he looked forward to working together "for our shared values."

Word of the victory in Pennsylvania that pushed Barack Obama's former vice president past the threshold of the 270 Electoral College votes needed to take over the Oval Office spread around the globe, sparking celebrations.

There was no immediate official reaction from Beijing, which is mired in conflicts with the Trump admin-

istration over trade, security and technology. But Chinese social media users welcomed the change. A post on the Sina Weibo microblog service, signed Gong Teng Xin Yi, said, "Congratulating Biden, the old friend of Chinese people on winning the election."

After Trump said he won "by a lot," the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily responded on Twitter, "HaHa."

President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan, the self-ruled island Beijing claims as part of its territory, expressed hope to "further our friendship." Biden had congratulated Tsai on her reelection in January, saying Taiwan is "stronger because of your free and open society." Washington has no formal relations with Taiwan, but Trump raised the profile of informal contacts by sending Cabinet officials to the island, an act that irritated Beijing.

There also was no immediate reaction from Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was friendly with Trump. Other leaders who supported Trump, including President Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines, congratulated Biden, indicating they rejected Trump's claim the election wasn't over.

Most Western allies welcomed a fresh start with Washington. Many have been dismayed at Trump's criticism of decades-old military and economic alliances.

"We want to work in our cooperation for a new trans-Atlantic beginning, a New

Deal," said German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas on Twitter.

Others expressed hope Biden might revive cooperation on health, climate and other issues following Trump's rejection of the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement and pressure on Canada, Mexico, South Korea and other partners to renegotiate trade terms.

"I look forward to working with President-elect Biden, Vice President-elect Harris, their administration, and the United States Congress as we tackle the world's greatest challenges together," Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who was the target of personal insults by Trump, said on Twitter.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison of Australia told reporters he looked forward to a "great partnership" with Washington. He cited challenges including the coronavirus and "ensuring a free and open" Indo-Pacific region, a reference to China's disputes with its neighbors over control of vast tracts of ocean.

"American leadership is indispensable to meeting these challenges," Morrison said.

Prime Minister Imran Khan of Pakistan said he looked forward to working together to end illegal tax havens and on peacemaking in Afghanistan.

Other leaders who sent congratulations included German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Emmanuel Macron and Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

Overdrive

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Mazda's lineup of hatchbacks and crossover SUVs keeps growing, with the latest entry a subcompact crossover curiously called the CX-30.

Yes, you may need a scorecard to keep track of this lineup. The newest is situated between the CX-3 and CX-5. So why not call it the CX-4, you ask? That model name was taken, being used for a model only sold in China.

Adding to the confusion, the CX-30 is not related the CX-3, which is smaller and based on the Mazda2. Rather, it shares a platform with the Mazda3 sedan, causing some to question how much different the

crossover can be than the Mazda3 hatchback. Spoiler alert: Not a lot, but the crossover has 2.4 inches of extra ground clearance and a tad more inside space, while the hatchback is shorter and has a sedan-like ride.

The CX-30 gets Mazda's signature grille and slim LED headlights, plus the sleek, streamlined profile that makes it such a popular design. Black cladding on the fenders and doors protects from off-road mess and makes it appear lower.

All CX-30s are powered by a 2.5-liter inline 4-cylinder engine capable of 186 horsepower and 186 pound-feet of torque, and are mated to a 6-speed automatic transmission. The CX-30 won't cause any neck strain on its way to 60 mph: It takes a leisurely 8 seconds. But top speed is list-

ed at 126 mph.

More important, it's nimble and fun to drive, with a suspension that is rigid enough for good composure on S curves yet tuned to offer a quiet and smooth ride along the bumpier roads in town.

Credit for CX-30's performance goes to Mazda's i-Activ all-wheel-drive system and G-Vectoring Control, a predictive system that monitors the vehicle dynamics, figures out where traction is needed and tweaks the power distribution to accommodate those needs.

An electric-assisted steering system adds to the fun—it's medium weighted and as responsive as some sports cars. Paddle shifters enable greater control, or flip into Sport mode which lengthens the shift points for you.

While the CX-30 isn't a towing brute, it can handle a

light trailer with dirt bike or Jet Ski atop. It has a tow rating of 1,500 pounds.

Fuel economy is respectable; The AWD version manages an EPA-rated 32 mpg highway, 25 city, for a combined of 27. The FWD is only slightly less.

Like its brethren, the five-seat CX-30 has a surprisingly well-crafted interior for the segment, including some materials found in luxury cars. The CX Premium has a two-tone interior with nicely bolstered seats trimmed in perforated leather. They have eight-way adjustments, including lumbar and thigh support.

While it's comfortable enough for trips up front, the rear seats—with 38 inches of headroom from seat to roof—

are best kept for kids or smaller teens. Adults can squeeze in for shorter rides.

An 8.8-inch infotainment display stands atop the dashboard and is controlled by a rotary dial behind the shifter. It is not a touchscreen, but that's OK since it would be a long reach. Bluetooth and Wi-Fi hotspot capability are standard; Apple CarPlay and Android Auto are available.

Added Premium features for safety and convenience include head-up display, adaptive headlights, moon roof and power lift gate. And a Bose audio system sends the tunes over 12 speakers.

Behind the rear seats there is 20.2 cubic feet of cargo space, about average among subcompact crossovers. It's

also almost identical to the Mazda3 hatch but offers better access due to its wider lift gate. Space opens up 45 cubic feet when the rear seats folded down.

The CX-30 also has top crash-test scores with the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, as well as an impressive list of standard safety features. Bundled in Mazda's i-Activsense suite are adaptive cruise with collision warning and automatic braking, pedestrian detection, lane-keep assist, driver monitor system and rear-view camera.

So check your scorecards, inspect the interiors, and take a few test drives. The CX-30, with its upscale cabin, fun ride and abundance of safety features is a worthy contender.

AUTO REVIEW:

Mazda's CX-30: Crossover has puzzling name, but it's fun to drive



The 2020 Mazda CX-30. (MAZDA/TNS)

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DETROIT (AP)—Metal fragments from an exploding air bag inflator killed the driver of an older Volvo, touching off a U.S. recall of up to 54,000 cars, regulators said Saturday.

The inflator was made by auto parts supplier ZF/TRW, but U.S. government documents show the devices perform similarly to deadly inflators made by Takata.

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it is reviewing data with Volvo about other vehicles equipped with the inflators and will decide whether to take further action.

ZF/TRW spokesperson Tony Sapienza said Saturday in an email that he didn't know whether the same inflators were sold to other automakers.

NHTSA said the ZF/TRW inflator rupture that caused the death is the only known incident worldwide.

The recall covers Volvo S60 and S80 cars from the 2001 through 2003 model years. Volvo said it will replace the driver's air bag at no cost to customers.

Japanese parts maker Takata used ammonium nitrate to create a small explosion to

inflate air bags in a crash. But the chemical can deteriorate over time when exposed to moisture in the air. The explosion can blow apart a metal canister and hurl shrapnel into the passenger compartment.

At least 26 people have been killed worldwide by the inflators, including 17 in the United States.

The problem caused the large-

est series of auto recalls in U.S. history, with at least 63 million inflators recalled. As of September, more than 11.1 million had not been fixed, according to the U.S. government. About 100 million inflators have been recalled worldwide.

NHTSA said Saturday that the ZF/TRW inflators did not use ammonium nitrate to inflate the air bags.

The Volvo recall covers cars that were sold or registered in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan), and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Volvo says in documents posted by NHTSA that registration data found about 13,800 of the recalled cars are still in use.

Air bag fragments kill Volvo driver, touching off recall

Life & Style

Alex Trebek, long-running 'Jeopardy!' host, dies at 80

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Alex Trebek, who presided over the beloved quiz show "Jeopardy!" for more than 30 years with dapper charm and a touch of schoolmaster strictness, died Sunday. He was 80.

Trebek, who announced in 2019 that he had advanced pancreatic cancer, died at his Los Angeles home, surrounded by family and friends, "Jeopardy!" studio Sony said.

The Canadian-born host, who made a point of informing fans about his health directly, spoke in a calm, even tone as he revealed his illness and hope for a cure in a video

posted March 6, 2019.

In the video, Trebek said he was joining the 50,000 other Americans who receive such a diagnosis each year and that he recognized that the prognosis was not encouraging.

But Trebek said he intended to fight it and keep working, even joking that he needed to beat the disease because his "Jeopardy!" contract ran for three more years. Less than a week later, he opened the show with a message acknowledging the outpouring of kind words and prayers he'd received.

"Thanks to the—believe it or

not—hundreds of thousands of people who have sent in tweets, texts, emails, cards and letters wishing me well," Trebek said. "I'm a lucky guy."

The program tapes weeks of shows in advance, and the remaining episodes with Trebek will air through Dec. 25, a Sony spokeswoman said.

Messages of grief and respect from former contestants, celebrities and the wider public quickly followed news of his loss.

"Alex wasn't just the best



Trebek

ever at what he did. He was also a lovely and deeply decent man, and I'm grateful for every minute I got to spend with him," tweeted "Jeopardy!" champion Ken Jennings.

"Thinking today about his family and his Jeopardy! family—which, in a way, included millions of us."

"It was one of the great privileges of my life to spend time with this courageous man while he fought the battle of his life. You will never be replaced in our hearts, Alex," James

Holzhauer, another "Jeopardy!" star, posted on Twitter.

John Legend tweeted that he was "obsessed with Jeopardy as a nerdy kid growing up in Ohio. I've loved and revered Alex Trebek since I can remember. What an iconic career."

Born July 22, 1940, in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, Trebek was sent off to boarding school by his Ukrainian father and French-Canadian mother when he was barely in his teens.

After graduating high school, he spent a summer in Cincinnati to be close to a girlfriend, then returned to Canada to attend college. After earning a philoso-

phy degree from the University of Ottawa, he went to work for the Canadian Broadcasting Co., starting as a staff announcer and eventually becoming a radio and TV reporter.

He became a U.S. citizen in 1997. Trebek's first marriage, to Elaine Callei, ended in divorce. In 1990, he married Jean Currivan, and they had two children, Emily and Matthew. Trebek lived with his family in Los Angeles' Studio City section, not far from Hollywood.

Trebek is survived by his wife, their two children and his stepdaughter, Nicky.

James Corden, Lea Salonga return to happier theatrical days



AP This combination photo shows James Corden during his National Theatre performance of "One Man Two Guvnors," left, and Lea Salonga performing with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in Australia in 2019.

Australia.

"Just going to the theater and seeing shows and watching my friends tell stories—it's heartbreaking to know that I can't do that for maybe another year," said Salonga from Manila.

"I'm glad we have these to remind us of just a year ago what life was like and maybe bring hope to people that this is what we have to look forward to once the virus is gone."

In addition to Salonga and Corden, the "Broadway's Best" lineup every Friday in November includes the first documentary on the musical

"Fiddler on the Roof" and a capture of the Roundabout Theatre Company's production of Irving Berlin's "Holiday Inn."

Corden's deliriously funny "One Man, Two Guvnors" airs Friday, a slapstick farce about a simpleminded guy who juggles errands for two underworld bosses in an English seaside town in the 1960s. There's ribald humor, pratfalls, eating inappropriate things and slamming doors.

It arrived on Broadway in 2012 after hit runs at the National Theatre and the West End. The version PBS viewers will see comes from a National Theatre show and is a little longer than the one that landed on Broadway. Corden calls it "a real romp."

"It's like a poker game. My character comes on and says, 'I'm going to have a great time.' And the audience go, 'Well, we see your great time and we will raise you a great time.' And I

go, 'You think you're having a great time? You wait until the end of Act One,'" said Corden. "I'm excited for an audience to see it again."

The host of CBS' "The Late Late Show" recently watched the film version and marveled at how much his life has changed since it was captured on film. He was a relative unknown to Americans back then and now hosts the Grammys and Tonys. Beside him on the couch was his oldest child, Max, 9, who was only a few weeks old when his dad's play was put on film.

"It was strange to look back at it and just see the roads that professionally and emotionally—in every sense, in every capacity—that I've traveled since then," he said.

For Salonga, her trip back wasn't that far. Her concert capture was in front of a sell-out crowd at the Sydney Opera House just last year—a more joyous time.

NEW YORK (AP)—James Corden may not be allowed in a theater these days but there's still a way to laugh with him onstage. Lea Salonga isn't permitted to sing to a crowd right

now but there's still a way to hear her magnificent voice.

Both Tony-winning artists are having career milestones revisited on TVs and mobile devices as part of Great

Performance's fourth annual "Broadway's Best" lineup on PBS for November—Corden's deliriously funny play "One Man, Two Guvnors" and Salonga's 2019 concert in

Condo community feels effects of stress during the pandemic

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I own a condo in a building with 22 units. Because of COVID, one of the HOA board members has posted signs stating "rules" throughout the building. The rules are typical for these trying times, but the number of signs is obsessive. Many of the residents dislike the signs, but my husband was the one who wrote a nasty letter to the HOA about how many are posted.

The board member who was responsible for posting the signs was a friend of mine. Her feelings were hurt, and she has made some snide remarks about the letter. A group of women meet weekly for happy hour, and she and I are both part of that group. I feel caught in the middle. My husband has had a hard time getting over being mad about the signs, and I know the HOA member is angry at him. I just want to go to happy hour and drink and gossip. Why can't we all just get along?

IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: We are living in trying times, and many people — your husband included — aren't their better selves right now. The HOA board was fulfilling its obligation to the community by posting health and safety signs. They are meant to educate not only homeowners but also visitors to the building, but too often they tend to become like "wallpaper" and are ignored. You are not caught in the middle. Your husband owes that woman an apology

for getting snarky. But it probably won't happen unless you insist upon it. (If it doesn't, you can always do it "for" him the next time you all meet for happy hour.)

DEAR ABBY: I met a wonderful man who was 14 years older who treated me like I have never been treated before. He opened doors for me, took me on actual dates, paid for things, met all my friends and family, and took me on my first vacation at 39 years old. He was very cuddly and such a gentleman. He even introduced himself as my "boyfriend" to some of my friends.

Seven months ago, we had our first argument and he asked me how I felt about him. I said I loved him and he returned with, "I like you a lot." He said he didn't feel as strongly as I did and doesn't want a relationship.

When we broke up shortly after, he said he wanted to be friends. But he still called and invited me over for sex regularly for the next six weeks. I was very hurt, but I finally cut ties because emotionally I couldn't handle it. He still wants to be friends but I cannot. He still will do anything for me and wants the benefits of being together without the labels.

It has been more than two months and I'm heartbroken. If I call him, he answers and talks like we are the best of friends, and it kills me. How do I get over him? Is it worth trying to see if we will work out?

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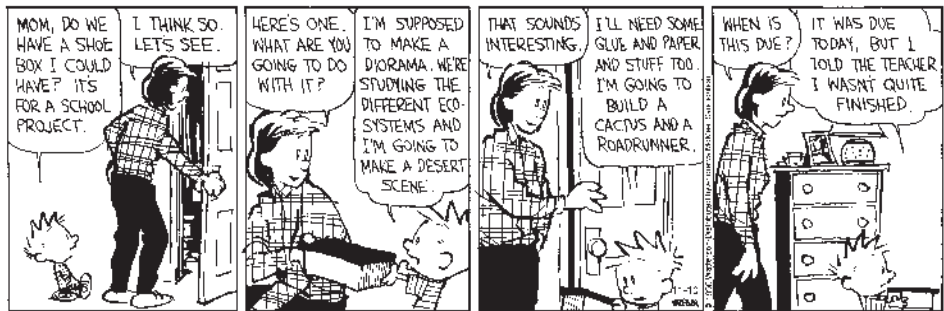
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may crave change, but before you make a move, consider your motives as well as your options. Patience will be required if you intend to reach your goal. Settling for less will lead to dissatisfaction. Concentrate on raising your profile. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take the plunge. Step into action. Make a difference. Stand up for your rights, go after your goal and engage in conversations that address sensitive issues. A partnership will encourage personal growth and professional gains. Set a high standard. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do something that requires energy, agility and a competitive mindset. A physical challenge will bring out the best in you and help you succeed in other areas of your life. Aggressive action will deter anyone from taking you for granted. **

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not relish making a change, but consider the alternative, and do what's necessary to improve your situation. Take better care of your health. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take care of matters that require physical exertion. A change will encourage you to strive for a better future. Distance yourself from a movement that doesn't share your point of view. Be true to your beliefs, and concentrate on self-improvement. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your emotions will push you in a positive way. Don't put up with pressure tactics or people who aren't abiding by the rules. An unusual partnership will encourage you to try something new and incorporate what you learn into your routine. ***

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't sit back when action is paramount in reaching your destination. Harness your energy, and implement whatever will help you move closer to your chosen goal. Don't count on others when it's up to you to push through change. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An emotional situation will surface if you let someone meddle or interfere with your plans. Rely on your ability to get things done instead of depending on promises someone makes. Personal improvements will boost your morale. Romance is in the stars. **

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Yesterday's Answer

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Brees outduels Brady; Tagovailoa shines



TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Drew Brees vs Tom Brady, and the battle for supremacy of the NFC South, was a one-sided affair.

Brees threw for 222 yards and four touchdowns, regaining the NFL career TD pass lead and lifting the New Orleans Saints into first place with a 38-3 rout of Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday night.

The three-time defending division champion won their fifth straight game, intercepting Brady three times and completing a season sweep of the Bucs (6-3), who also suffered a double-digit loss at New Orleans in Week 1.

"Each time you can win and find different ways to win, I think it just builds confidence and creates momentum," Brees said.

"Obviously, tonight was a great night," he added. "All the way around, in all three phases, it was pretty exceptional."

Brees was 26 of 32 passing, including first-half TD throws of 14 yards to TreQuan Smith, 8 yards to Adam Trautman and 12 yards to Sanders, who missed the previous two games while on the COVID-19 list. The 41-year-old added a 3-yarder to Josh Hill to make it 38-0 with just over nine minutes remaining.

Dolphins 34, Cardinals 31

The first professional matchup of Tua Tagovailoa and Kyler Murray certainly lived up to the hype.

The two young quarterbacks traded pinpoint passes, timely scrambles and other big plays in a dazzling show of the league's future. In the end, it was the rookie who came out with the win.

The 22-year-old Tagovailoa threw for 248 yards and two touchdowns in just his second NFL start as the Miami Dolphins rallied in the fourth quarter for a victory over the Arizona Cardinals.

"That was awesome. It was fun for the fans as well, not just us competing," Tagovailoa said of the duel with Murray. "You know what you're going to get when it comes to Kyler. You know the kind of explosive player he is. He might be the fastest player in the NFL right now. Oh my gosh, he's faster than me."

But Tagovailoa was the winner. He's 2-0 since taking over for Ryan Fitzpatrick as the starter following the team's bye week.

Miami (5-3) has won four straight games. The Cardinals (5-3) had their three-game winning streak snapped.

Bills 44, Seahawks 34

Josh Allen regained his early-



New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees, fifth right, lines up against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers during the first half of an NFL game Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020, in Tampa, Fla. **AP**

season groove by throwing three touchdown passes and scoring one rushing, and the Buffalo Bills beat the Seattle Seahawks.

Buffalo's defence played a major role in rattling Seattle's Russell Wilson, who was sacked five times, threw two interceptions and lost two fumbles.

Buffalo (7-2) matched its best record through nine games since 1993, a season that ended with the Jim Kelly-led Bills making their fourth consecutive, and final, Super Bowl appearance.

Allen finished 31 of 38 and equaled a career best set earlier this season with 415 yards passing, becoming the first Bills player to top 300 yards four times in one season since Drew Bledsoe did it seven times in 2002. The Bills offence came alive after Allen combined for just 846 yards passing and five touchdowns—including one rushing—in splitting the previous four games.

Chiefs 33, Panthers 31

Patrick Mahomes threw for 372 yards and four touchdowns, Travis Kelce and Tyreek Hill each went over 100 yards receiving, and Kansas City held on to beat Carolina when Joey Slye missed a 67-yard field-goal attempt wide right on the final play.

The Chiefs (8-1) were left clinging to the lead when Christian McCaffrey, just back from his ankle injury, scored from a yard out with 1:26 to go. The Panthers' onside kick was recovered by Kansas City, but they used their three timeouts to get the ball back, and Teddy

Bridgewater's 23-yard pass to Curtis Samuel with 9 seconds remaining gave them hope.

Carolina (3-6) tried to get a bit closer with a pass to McCaffrey, but the incompleteness brought on Slye, who had plenty of leg with the wind behind him. His kick dropped just outside the uprights, though, allowing the Chiefs to escape.

Ravens 24, Colts 10

Lamar Jackson turned up the tempo in the second half, and Baltimore broke the NFL record for consecutive 20-point games in its win over Indianapolis.

After Gus Edwards' 1-yard plunge gave Baltimore the lead midway through the third quarter, Jackson sealed the win with a 9-yard TD run.

The Ravens (6-2) have scored 20 or more points 31 straight times — breaking a tie with Denver, which set the mark from 2012-14.

Baltimore has won 10 straight road games, the league's longest active streak, and earned the franchise's first win at Indianapolis in seven tries. The Ravens also had lost 20 straight games when trailing at halftime.

Raiders 31, Chargers 26

Justin Herbert's pass to Donald Parham Jr. for a 4-yard touchdown on the final play of the game was overturned after a replay review, and Las Vegas held on to beat Los Angeles.

Derek Carr threw two touchdown passes for Las Vegas (5-3), which improved to 4-1 on the road. Herbert was 26 of 42 for 326 yards and two touchdowns for the Chargers

(2-6), all of whose losses have come by seven points or less.

This time, Los Angeles got the ball on its 25 with 4:37 remaining and drove to the Las Vegas 4. Herbert found Parham in the right corner of the end zone, but after a replay review, the touchdown was overturned when it was determined the tight end did not maintain possession throughout the catch.

Steelers 24, Cowboys 19

Ben Roethlisberger threw all three of his touchdown passes after shrugging off a knee injury, rallying Pittsburgh past Dallas.

Pittsburgh is 8-0 for the first time in the storied franchise's history despite an upset bid from the Cowboys, who were the biggest underdogs they've been at home in at least 31 years.

Garrett Gilbert was the fourth different starting quarterback in five games for Dallas (2-7), throwing a touchdown pass in his first career start and bringing some life to the offence for a team that lost its fourth straight game without Dak Prescott.

Titans 24, Bears 17

Ryan Tannehill threw two touchdown passes, and Tennessee never trailed as it beat Chicago to snap a two-game skid.

The Titans (6-2) avoided their longest skid since Tannehill took over as starting quarterback and stayed atop the AFC South going into Thursday night's division showdown against Indianapolis.

They got big help from an

undermanned and struggling defence missing three-time Pro Bowl linebacker Jadeveon Clowney with an injured knee.

Cornerback Desmond King picked up a fumble and ran 63 yards for a TD only days after the Titans picked up the 2018 All-Pro from the Chargers for a sixth-round pick. King didn't join Tennessee until Saturday after clearing COVID-19 testing protocols and put the Titans up 17-0 late in the third quarter.

Vikings 34, Lions 20

Dalvin Cook kept his brilliant season rolling by rushing for a career-high 206 yards and two scores on 22 carries, leading Minnesota past Detroit.

Kirk Cousins threw for three touchdowns—two to tight end Irv Smith Jr.—in his second straight turnover-free performance for the Vikings (3-5), who averaged 8.9 yards per play on the way to their first home win this season.

Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford, who didn't practice all week due to coronavirus exposure protocols, left the game in the fourth quarter for concussion evaluation after taking a knee to the head during a sack. He was picked off on consecutive possessions in the third quarter, first at the Minnesota 12 and then in the end zone. Chase Daniel threw another interception after taking over.

Giants 23, Washington 20

Daniel Jones completed his longest pass of the season, didn't turn the ball over and New York held on to beat Washington.

Jones was 23 of 34 for 212 yards, including a 50-yard connection with Austin Mack and a touchdown pass to Evan Engram to build a 17-point halftime lead. The Giants (2-7) attempted to run things out in the second half and survived a couple of touchdown drives led by Alex Smith, who replaced injured Washington quarterback Kyle Allen.

Smith connected with Terry McLaurin on a 68-yard score, his first TD pass in 728 days, to cut New York's lead to 23-20 in the fourth quarter. But Smith threw two interceptions in the final 2:18 to end the threat for Washington (2-6). Both Giants wins are against Washington.

Texans 27, Jaguars 25

Deshaun Watson had touchdowns passes of 57 and 77 yards, the second one appearing to come after the play clock expired, and Houston beat Jacksonville for its sixth straight win in the series.

Jacksonville (1-7) lost its seventh straight and barely avoided making NFL history. The Jaguars would have become the first to allow at least 30 points in seven consecutive games in a single season. Instead, they will share the record with the 1968 Denver Broncos and the 1984 Minnesota Vikings.

Jacksonville had a chance to tie it late, but rookie Jake Luton's 2-point conversion pass to DJ Chark landed at his feet. Luton, a sixth-round draft pick making his NFL debut in place of Gardner Minshew, scrambled for 13 yards to make it a two-point game with 1:39 remaining.

Tiger eyes to repeat Augusta glory

GEORGIA—Tiger Woods will hope familiarity helps him recapture his form at Augusta National this week as the 15-time major winner aims to repeat the magic of his stunning Masters win last year.

Overcoming personal and physical obstacles that at times in his career appeared insurmountable, Woods ended an 11-year major drought to claim his fifth Masters in 2019, capping one of the most remarkable comebacks in the history of professional sport.

But a recent string of lackluster performances have rendered that success a distant memory.

Woods has failed to crack the top 30 at any event since the PGA Tour returned from its COVID-19 hiatus in June, missing the cut at the U.S. Open in September and finishing tied 72nd in the Zozo Championship last month—a tournament he won a year ago.

“Last year he came into the Masters doing a lot of things well. His iron play was really, really good a year ago. We haven’t seen that this year,” said compatriot Andy North, a retired twice major winner and now golf analyst for ESPN.

Woods, who won his first major at Augusta 23 years ago, knows the course’s unique tests, giving him a possible advantage over youngsters such as PGA Championship winner Collin Morikawa, 23, and 21-year-old Matthew Wolff, the U.S. Open runner-up.

But changes to the tournament this year due to the COVID-19—including the move from April to November and the absence of fans—could limit Wood’s expertise.

“There are a lot of guys that haven’t played there very much,” said North. “You know, I kind of thought, is this going to negate some of the history that our veteran players have and some of the course knowledge that they have versus some of the younger guys that we have seen play so well this fall?”

For Woods, the quieting of the crowd’s roar may be the hardest part to reconcile.

“The one component that is going to be just, I think, so odd for all of us who have played there and who have been there is to have no spectators,” Woods told reporters after the final round at the Zozo Championship.

“Sometimes we’ve been on the putting green there before we tee off and you hear roars down there, 12 and 13, they reverberate all the way up to the clubhouse, and there’s going to be nothing.”

The Masters starts on Thursday.



AP
In this April 11, 2019, Tiger Woods waits to putt on the seventh hole during the first round of the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga.

was there a year ago to watch his brother, Alvaro, who qualified by winning the Latin American Amateur.

“It feels awesome,” said Ortiz, who grew up in Guadalajara and played at North Texas with Sebastian Munoz of Colombia, the most recent Latin American winner on tour. “This is like my second home. There was a bunch of people cheering for me, Latinos and Texans. I’m thankful for all of them.”

It was the loudest cheer for a winner since March. The Houston Open was the first domestic PGA Tour event that allowed spectators during the COVID-19 pandemic, with 2,000 tickets sold daily. They were treated to a good show.

Johnson was making his first start since the U.S. Open after a positive coronavirus test knocked him out of the CJ Cup at Shadow Creek and the Zozo Championship at Sherwood.

After opening with a 72, Johnson rallied with two rounds of 66 and a closing 65. His one regret would be the 16th hole. Tied for the lead, Johnson fanned a 7-iron for his second shot on the par 5, leaving a tough chip to 18 feet and a birdie putt that grazed the left edge of the cup.

Johnson had another birdie putt catch the lip on the next hole.

Matsuyama briefly tied for the lead with birdies on the 16th and 17th, making a 15-footer on the 17th just moments before Ortiz made his birdie on the 16th. He narrowly missed a shot at a third straight birdie on the 18th and shot 63.

Ortiz finished at 13-under 267.

Sam Burns, the 54-hole leader, had a 72 and Day closed with a 71. Neither was a factor for much of the day. This was about Ortiz holding off two players with plenty of experience winning and tasting it for the first time.

Brooks Koepka, who consulted on the redo of Memorial Park, had a 65-65 weekend and tied for fifth in his final start before the Masters. It also bodes well for Johnson, who goes into Augusta National as the No. 1 player in the world for the third time in the last four years.

Johnson has not finished outside the top six in his last six tournaments. That includes two victories and two runner-up finishes (*AP/NBC*)

Houston Open results

Meanwhile, Carlos Ortiz never doubted he could win any tournament no matter who he was facing, even if he didn’t have the trophies or the pedigree to prove it.

Now he does.

Ortiz holed two long birdie putts from off the green to take the lead, then was rock solid down the stretch and delivered the winning shots for a 5-under 65 and a two-shot victory

in the Houston Open.

Ortiz played the final round alongside a former No. 1 player in Jason Day. He spent the back nine locked in a battle with the current No. 1, Dustin Johnson.

He pulled ahead for good with a 6-iron so good the 29-year-old Mexican started walking after it on the par-5 16th. Ortiz had to settle for a two-putt birdie from 8

feet and he finished in style with a 20-foot birdie for a two-shot victory over Johnson and Hideki Matsuyama.

“I wasn’t really thinking about the other guys. I wasn’t worried,” Ortiz said. “I knew if I played good I was going to be hard to beat. ... I knew I was capable of doing that because I know myself, but obviously validating that and then

showing it, it definitely gets me more confidence. I’m just happy the way it played out.”

Ortiz, a three-time winner on what was then the Web.com Tour in 2014, became the first Mexican to win on the PGA Tour since Victor Regalado in 1978 at the Quad Cities Open.

Ortiz held back tears as he waited for his playing partners to putt. The victory sends him to the Masters next April. He

Beckham’s Miami reaches MLS playoffs in first season

FLORIDA—David Beckham’s Inter Miami refused to be blown off course in their pursuit of reaching the Major League Soccer playoffs on Sunday, securing a famous victory while battling tropical storm Eta.

Wild winds and rain made conditions in South Florida extremely difficult, but a combination of Diego Alonso’s side beating Cincinnati 2-1 and rivals Atlanta and Chicago dropping points ensured a difficult inaugural campaign has now been boosted with a trip to the post-season, where fellow newcomers Nashville will welcome Miami on November 20th.

Goals from Mikey Ambrose—the first of his career—and defender Leandro Gonzalez Pirez in the opening 45 minutes had put Beckham’s franchise in control at the interval yet more drama

was to follow after a brilliant strike for the visiting team from Joe Gyau on 66 minutes.

A late red card for Inter defender Andres Reyes ensured a nervy finale.

Some crazed celebrations at the final whistle began, however, once confirmation of defeats for Atlanta and Chicago arrived on MLS’s “Decision Day” finale to the regular season.

This was just the seventh win from 23 in the regular season for Alonso’s side, who grabbed the last available playoff ticket by finishing 10th in the Eastern Conference.

Cincinnati, who are coached by Beckham’s former Manchester United teammate Jaap Stam, end up bottom for the second year in a row as Inter Miami moved on.

“We are very excited, it has been a difficult year but we

have worked hard and today we got the reward,” said a delighted Alonso, who dedicated the triumph to the 2,703 fans who cheered on their team while combating the elements.

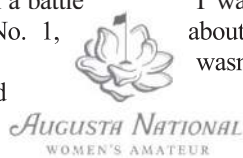
“It’s a big step for us, if they were normal conditions we would have won by more but we are just happy to get there.”

“We knew the results were falling into place but needed to wait and it’s great we could celebrate with the fans who came to support us in such circumstances.”

The MLS playoffs are all one leg knock-out games and Alonso added: “A new tournament starts now and we can forget what has happened in the season up until this point.

“This group loves to play life or death matches. I am delighted.”

With every MLS team in



Billups to join Clippers coaching staff



LOS ANGELES—Chauncey Billups, who won the 2004 NBA title with the Detroit Pistons and was named Finals most valuable player, is finalizing a contract to join Clippers coach Tyrone Lue's staff. Veteran NBA coach Larry Drew also will have a spot on Lue's bench.

Billups has been one of the hottest names whenever a job has come open since he retired in 2014. Rumored to be a top choice of Lue's since he was announced as Doc Rivers' replacement, Billups had to decide whether this was the best entry point into a post-playing career.

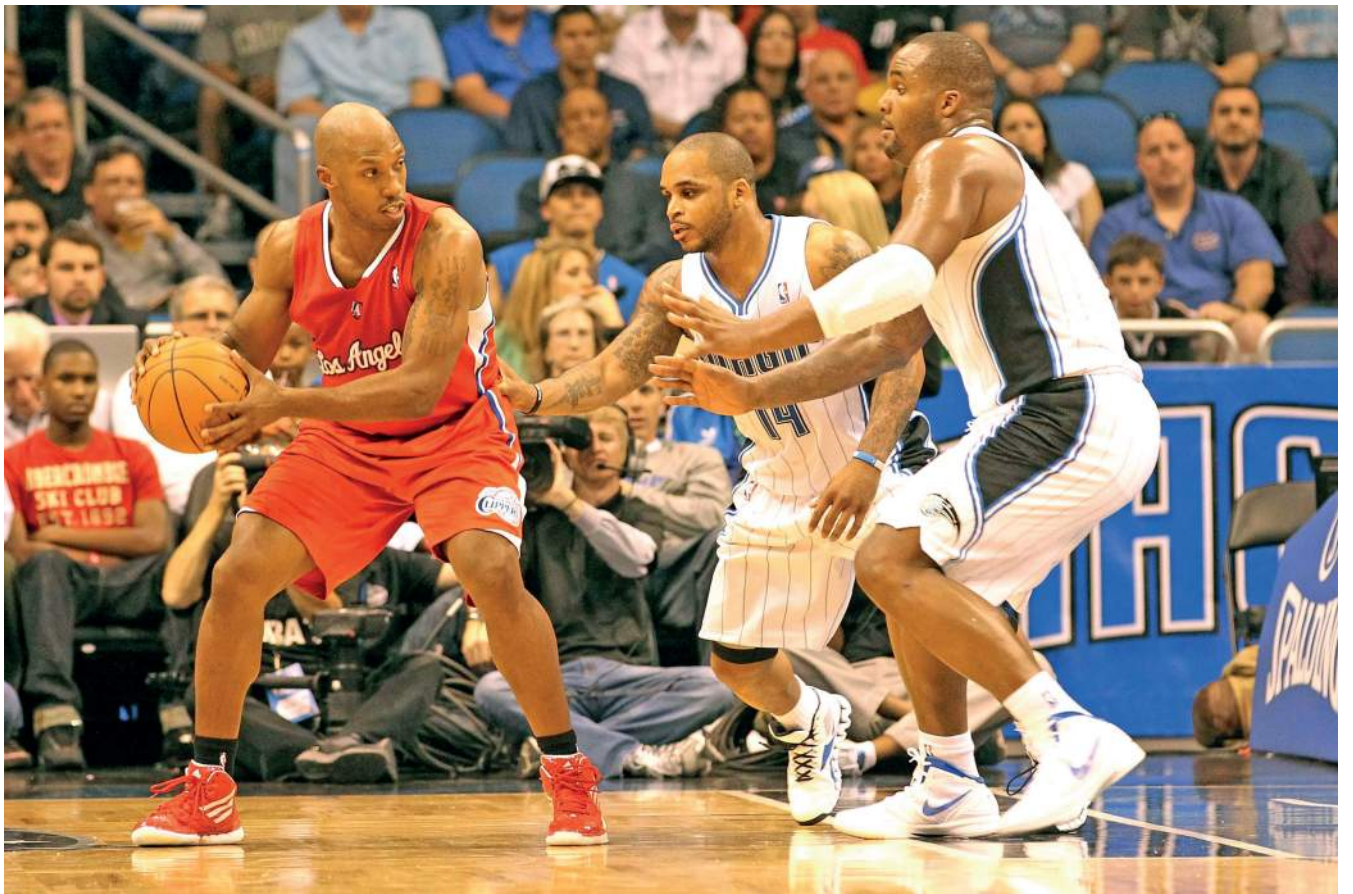
He has been on teams' radars for coaching and front-office positions, including a

chance to run the Cleveland Cavaliers. He spent last season as a color commentator on Clippers television broadcasts while also working as a commentator for ESPN.

Billups and Lue are close friends and have been rumored as a sort of package deal since the summer.

The plan is for Billups, former Miami Heat assistant Dan Craig and former Brooklyn Nets coach Kenny Atkinson to join Lue on his staff.

Drew has been an NBA coach, either head or assistant, for nearly 30 years, a career that will stretch into its fourth decade next season. He was an assistant with the Lakers when Lue first entered the league and an assistant in Cleveland



AP

In this Feb. 6, 2012 file photo, Los Angeles Clippers' Chauncey Billups faces two Orlando Magic defenders during the second half of an NBA game in Orlando, Fla.

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ald Villafria (1:47:46), Matt Buenabajo (1:56:04), Renzo Avila (2:05:10), and Leo Wania (2:08:30).

In the women's solo race, Aya-no Braxton registered 1:30:30 to beat Kimiko McKagan (1:36:44), Robyn Spaeth (1:42:40), Emily Brougham (1:51:48), and Kerri Bauer (2:00:46).

Relay results

In the team even, Team C & R's Jay-R Barrios and Bob Ferrer posted the fastest time (1:15:53) to win in the men's division.

Agape Spiderman's Abe Zhu and Aldrin Sta. Ana (1:30:14) and Bike Shop's Sebastien Manabat and Alex Gozon rounded out the Top 3 in the men's relay.

In the mixed division, Alice Xu and Cesar Fortaleza of

Alice in Wonderland recorded 1:25:16 to take the top honors, while Pasaway's July Rose Felipe and Joel Buco and Yu-Noh's Yuki Rechucher and Noe Valdisimo were ranked second and third after submitting 1:28:20 and 1:28:34, respectively.

Fourteen other teams (mixed and men's divisions combined) completed the course and made the three-hour cut.

The duathlon race in all divisions started and ended at the Last Command Post in Marpi with the first leg (trail run) bringing the participants to the Dumping, Banzai Trail, and Banzai Cliff. For the second leg (MTB race), bikers navigated the Ayuyu Drive, FEBC, Kimikaze Trail, Autobahn Trail, Santa Klaus, Banzai Trail, and Banzai Cliff, while in the finale, participants ran along the Last Command Post pathway.

with the Clippers' new coach.

The Clippers made sweeping changes to their coaching staff after a disappointing performance in the NBA's bubble, with the team losing the final three games to the Denver Nuggets in the second round despite having double-digit leads in each game.

NBA Draft watch

The Nets have brought in RJ Hampton in for a workout within the last two weeks, as they continue to do their homework on who they'd like to select with the No. 19 overall pick in the upcoming NBA Draft.

According to sources, Hampton has spent part of the

pandemic working out with Memphis head coach Penny Hardaway and Mike Miller, a standout 3-point shooter in the NBA.

The 6-5, 188-pound point guard and Dallas native nearly played for Hardaway at Memphis, but instead went overseas to join the New Zealand Breakers.

In his one year as a pro with the Breakers, Hampton averaged 8.8 points, 3.8 rebounds, 2.4 assists and just over one steal a game.

Hampton was once considered a potential Top 5 pick, but has seen his stock drop—even possibly down out of the lottery and near the Nets' pick at No. 19.

"I think I'm the best prospect in the draft," Hampton told ESPN this week. "Just the combination of speed, size, grit, toughness, the ability to change plays on the defensive and offensive end and then having that experience in the NBL."

The Nets will need to make a smart choice of who they want to join a core that's led by Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving, as they try and compete for a championship.

Meanwhile, Anthony Edwards has his flaws—defense, primarily—and not every

scout and front office is a fan. His detractors compare Edwards to Dion Waiters or Andrew Wiggins, physically gifted players who score but don't usually impact winning.

There are also plenty of Edwards' fans around league front offices, and he will go high in the 2020 NBA Draft—put Golden State in that group.

There is some spin there—few, if any, scouts see a "face of the franchise" player anywhere in this draft. Very good players, yes, but think more Eric Gordon than James Harden in terms of impact. (AP/NBC)

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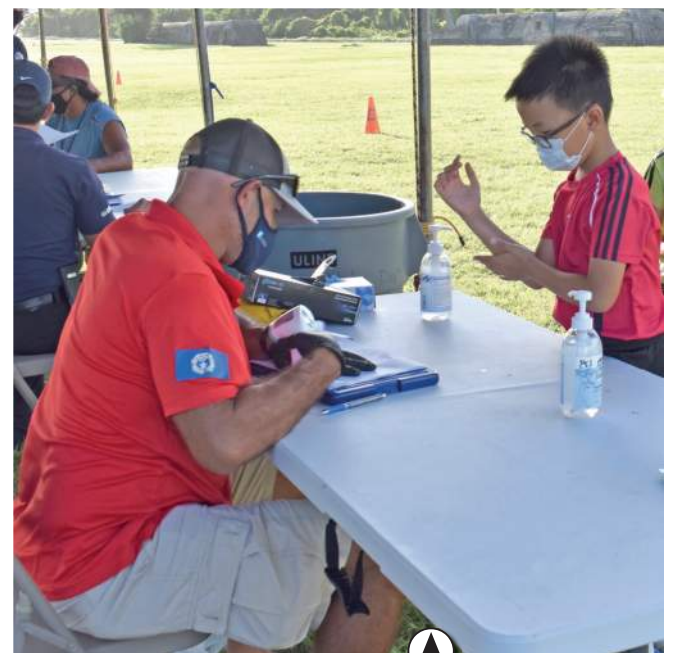
tizer and Faith Arriola. Other runners who raced in the first group were Saipan Community School's Richard Zhao, Patrick and Joshua McDonald, Andrew Guerrero, Allie Brasuell, and Vivian Chung; SIS' Jude Ryaphand, Leilani Ruszala, and Gabriel Walsh; BSS' Aiden Camacho, Nason Weseel, Sophia and Aya Smith, and Pattseera Kasemsri; and William S. Reyes Elementary School's Jiro Quindoza, Marq Hernandez, Aliyah Villacrusis, Kristen Sierra, Sylbella Taisague, and Edwin Licican.

On Heat 2, Mt. Carmel's Stephen Yeom finished second behind Campbell and while Agape's Reyviel Van Escarlan rounded out the Top 3. Other finishers in the pool were Isla Montessori's Georgia Baetge, Addison and Oliver Pauling, Jackson Koning, and Cooper Fong; Agape's Benjamin



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Elementary school runners head out to the course.



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Nick Gross, director of the PSS Student Support Services Athletic Program, records the temperature of an Agape Christian School student before allowing him to race last Friday.

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Agape Christian School and Saipan International School students race in the middle school division of the 2020-2021 Public School System/Northern Marianas Athletics All Schools Cross Country Series last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.



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Agape sweeps U14 races

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Defending champion Agape Christian School lived up to expectations early into this season after earning top honors in the middle school races during the first leg of the 2020-2021 Public School System/Northern Marianas Athletics All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

Peter Pang ruled the boys U14 event after completing the 2.1-mile course in 15:30, while his fellow Agape runner won the girls division after checking in at 16:05.



against 15 other participants on Heat 2. The elementary division was divided into two heats to avoid overcrowding at the start/finish line, as NMA and PSS are implementing safety measures against the COVID-19 pandemic throughout the cross country season.

Joining Sikkel in the Top 3 on Heat 1 were SIS' Finn Al-

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Agape had a 1-2 finish in the boys race, as Danny Cheng rounded out the two-lap course after Pang, while Saipan International School's Casey Chambers came in third. Other finishers in last Saturday's morning race were (fourth to 13th place) were Agape's Joseph Li, SIS' Dong Hyun Lee, Christian Newman, Gyu Hyeon Park, and Kyle Kramer, Saipan Community School's David Ye, Agape's Boxin Cheng, Hopwood Middle School's Charles Guiang and Tyrone Manipon, and Francisco M. Sablan's Cedric Catacutan.

In the girls U14 division, Agape also earned the Top 2 spot with Serena Cheng following Wang to the finish line and beating SIS' Savita Sikkel. Agape's Esther Xu, Ruth Zhang, and Jenny Xu were ranked fourth, fifth, and sixth, respectively, and were followed by SIS' Becca Easton, Phoenix Gross, Hoo Wang, and Eva Lizunova, and FMS' Tenasha Diaz and Nerita Sellem.

Sikkel, Campbell triumph

Meanwhile, Brilliant Star School's Moshe Sikkel and Agape's Jessie Campbell won in their respective heats in the co-ed elementary division race held last Friday also at the CPA Airport Field.

Sikkel prevailed on Heat 1 of the 1.1-mile race after timing in at 7:56 and besting 23 other runners. Campbell, on the other hand, clocked in a little over eight minutes to win



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Agape Christian School students head out to the course during last weekend's 2020-2021 Public School System/Northern Marianas Athletics All Schools Cross Country Series at the CPA Airport Field.

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Charlie Sendin and Ayano Braxton emerged as top finishers of last Saturday's 5th

Off-Road Duathlon.

Sendin made it to the Last Command Post at the 1:16:10 mark to lead all the finishers of the duathlon race that featured a 6-kilometer trail



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In this file photo, Ayano Braxton runs along the pathway of the Last Command Post.

Sendin, Braxton top duathlon

run leg, 15K mountain bike, and 2.5K road run. The veteran triathlete completed the course a little over four minutes ahead of Shuji Kuroda, who logged 1:20:15.

Sendin and Kuroda were awarded with medals with their Top 2 finish in the men's

individual category, while Michael Aparte joined the podium for ranking third in the division after timing in at 1:22:55.

Other finishers in the men's race were Butch Sublemente (1:23:02), Tyce Mis-



ter (1:24:16), Dennis Bautista (1:31:05), Norlo Jacosalem (1:35:34), Jun Hashimoto (1:36:10), Josh Joson (1:40:50), Raymund Tolentino (1:45:07), Ron-

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Champion Charlie Sendin is flanked by second placer Shuji Kuroda, right, and third place finisher Michael Aparte during the awards ceremony for the 5th Off-Road Duathlon last Saturday at the Last Command Post.